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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Hongkong's Millstone

THERE is probably no greater long-term problem in this Colony than its population. The latest bulletin issued by the Family Planning Association predicts a four million population by 1967, assuming an annual natural increase of more than 80,000. Hongkong is finding the greatest difficulty trying to cope with its present 2 1/2 millions. The position is admirably set out in the pamphlet entitled "A problem of people".

This shows that Hongkong's population increased four-fold from 600,000 in 1945 to its present figure. Its normal capacity is said to be 1,200,000 or less than half its present number. The difficulties of coping with today's population are frightening enough but the mind boggles at the nightmare of not just another million and a quarter mouths to feed but, in time, to accommodate, to school, and to employ.

At present there are about 300,000 squatters awaiting resettlement which it is estimated, will cost \$200 million. Most will be accommodated in the next six years by which time the natural increase alone will have added perhaps half a million to the Colony's population.

THE question must be asked—is it possible to keep up this fantastic growth? If the Economist can describe the relatively simple job of settling 300,000 squatters as "an apparently hopeless task" how does one describe the problem of catering for a rapidly increasing population in an area of both strictly limited opportunities, size and resources? Government apparently rules out any possibility of emigration of refugees either to China or Formosa. If Dr Hambro succeeds in persuading the United Nations that Hongkong requires financial assistance the problem of dealing with part of the present excess population may be made easier for a generation or two, but complete integration will never be achieved. In an exhibition of remarkable resourcefulness in recent years, community planners have shown that existing means can be "stretched" or so adapted to serve more than they were originally intended to but there are bounds to human inventiveness and planners cannot go on pulling rabbits from the hat.

HOW near is industrial development to saturation point or trade to its absolute limit. It is unreasonable to consider either so long as the going is good—and it is—but it is this preoccupation with the present that is so alarming. The future we feel is remote, and uncertain, and present problems are big enough without worrying about what is ahead.

It is not that our planners need foresight to predict the likely needs of our population 10 or 20 years hence, for even if they could they lack the means to provide for them all. Hongkong's problem is that it needs to bring about a reversal of the present trend of supply chasing after galloping demand—not necessarily a drastic reversal—but it does need the assurance that the present trend can be reversed.

One begins to search for remedies to curtail the growth of the population and a solution is proposed in re-education with the aim of voluntary restriction of families. But the problem does not end with married people and education can improve its lesson upon only the amenable few. It is a question rather of finding the answer to apparently irredeemable poverty that is broadening its kind in steadily deteriorating conditions—this is the millstone the community is shackled with.

NORWAY THREAT

No Intention Of Leaving Atlantic Pact

Oslo, Apr. 15.

Norway staunchly told Moscow today it will stay in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation despite Russian "obliteration" threats in the event of war.

Norwegian Prime Minister Einar Gerhardsen said his country and it alone will decide how to defend itself.

Gerhardsen was replying to a blunt letter from Nikolai Bulganin last month in which the Soviet Premier warned that Norway would be wiped off the face of the map "if its territory were used as atomic-missile bases against the Soviet Union." The Norwegian answer, actually delivered in Moscow on Saturday, was made public here tonight.

Gerhardsen said there are no foreign bases in Norway and none was planned for the time being.

SAFEGUARD MEMBERS
"Norway's constitutional bodies will, in the light of the existing international situation, decide whether our country is exposed to a threat of attack," he said.

Gerhardsen also told Bulganin that Norway had no intention of leaving NATO, "the sole aim of which is to safeguard members against attack and to prevent war." He said Norway would never be a party in any aggressive scheme.

The letter included some pointed remarks on Russian stalling in matters affecting the two countries directly—like fishery, whaling and a border river project, and on Russian policy in Hungary.

Gerhardsen said the Norwegian Government considered the Hungarian revolt as the "uprising of a nation for its freedom and independence."

Russia's suppression of the revolt "caused a spontaneous and strong reaction among the Norwegian people and impeded a further development of the con-

nections between our two countries," the letter said.

The Premier also expressed the hope that the Soviet Union would participate in the joint Norwegian-Japanese-Canadian proposal for the advance registration of atom tests.

Gerhardsen went on to mention the problems of nuclear weapons and Norway's proposal, made jointly with Canada and Japan, for advance registration of atom tests.

He expressed the hope that the Soviet Union would participate in the discussion of this proposal.

On the development of friendly relations between Norway and Russia, Gerhardsen said these clearly depend upon what happens in international politics.

SIMILAR REPLY
Gerhardsen's letter was expected to be followed soon by a similar reply from Denmark, which also got an "obliteration" threat from Moscow.

Norway was reported by diplomatic observers in London to have informed her NATO allies in advance of the contents of the letter.

The tone of the Norwegian reply was regarded as moderate, and in accord with the view of NATO members as a whole. Observers waited to see whether it would be published in the Soviet press.—United Press & Reuter.

Strong reaffirmation that NATO planning was entirely in the interests of self-defence.

The Soviet warning was described as "atomic propaganda blackmail" since it was held "that neither Norway nor any other member of NATO would ever launch an aggressive war against the Soviet Union."

Diplomatic sources in Paris expressed satisfaction at the firmness of the reply. They recalled that General Lauris Norstad, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, told journalists last Friday that Soviet warnings to Scandinavian countries about atomic bases on their soil were "preposterous threats."

General Norstad said that he derived great reassurance and great confidence from the very firm attitude taken by the countries in rejecting these "preposterous threats."—Reuter.

5 DROWNED IN CAR

Tragic Welcome

Oslo, Apr. 15.

Three women and two small children who had just welcomed home two Norwegian whaling men from six months in the Antarctic, were drowned today when their car fell over the quay into the sea at Sandefjord, South Norway.

The two men escaped from the car before it went to the bottom, but the women and children were dead when brought up 20 minutes later by frogmen.

Those drowned were the dance, sister and sister-in-law of one of the whalers and the sister-in-law's two children, a year-old baby and three-year-old girl.

The accident occurred when the car, driven by one of the women, was being turned on the quay crowded with relatives meeting the whalers.—Reuter.

Demonstration In Cairo

Cairo, Apr. 15.

Several hundred Jordanian students shouting slogans against King Hussein demonstrated here today.

They forced their way into the Jordan Embassy and refused to leave.

The students, who shouted "Long live the Jordanian people down with Hussein," started a general strike on the Embassy premises.

The Jordanian Ambassador, Mr. Fawzi al-Murad, told them to leave. "The liberation policy belongs to the country, not to one man."

The students asked the Ambassador to resign.—Reuter.

Eden Shows Courage

London, Apr. 15.

Sir Anthony Eden had shown "immense courage in his fourth major abdominal operation," his personal physician, Sir Horace Evans said tonight.

Speaking at the tenth annual dinner of the "Salute and Sinner" Club in London, Sir Horace spoke of his fight to restore to the latest operation on the former Prime Minister.

"All has gone well so far and he is showing his usual indomitable spirit," Sir Horace added.—Reuter.

New Storm Brewing In British Communist Party

From IAN AITKEN

London, Apr. 15.

A new wave of resignations from the British Communist Party is expected.

Delegates representing thousands of "rebel" Communists are expected to walk out after next weekend's special party congress which opens on Friday in London.

The "old guard" of Red leaders, who is determined to crush the rank and file revolt which followed Russian intervention in Hungary.

Typical of its ruthlessness is a move to ban a former Daily Worker journalist from reporting the congress.

The reporter Peter Fryer quit the Workers' staff in protest against what he saw in Budapest during the anti-Soviet uprising.

He was planning to report the congress for the British weekly Tribune.

No Periodicals
But on Monday party headquarters in London decided that this year no periodicals would be admitted to the congress hall. There was no room for them.

Benjamin pointed out there would be more than 100 empty seats.

The ban, they suggested, was a deliberate move against Fryer.

Nearly 100 of 600 delegates known to represent rebel branches of party. They aim to break the dictatorial power of the party's full time officials.

POLITICAL COMPROMISE REACHED IN JORDAN

Amman, Apr. 15.

A supporter of King Hussein formed a new cabinet today but it included ousted leftist Premier Suleiman Nabulsi.

MR K. SEES IMPROVED SITUATION
Palestinian Hussein Khalidi, a former Foreign Minister and supporter of the pro-Western King, forged a new list of ministers all of whom were independents—except Nabulsi. The inclusion of Nabulsi in the Government showed that a political "compromise" had been reached in an attempt to end this tiny Arab kingdom's five-day government crisis.

The new government also will include former Premier Fawzi al-Murad, now Ambassador to Cairo.

Khalidi evaded answering questions when approached by United Press.

Cannot Say
Asked whether he would invite the James Richards mission to Jordan, he answered: "I cannot say anything yet."

Richards is touring the Middle East explaining the Eisenhower doctrine.

Khalidi also declined to explain what would be his policy towards communism. But he pointed out that as Premier, he was a servant of the King.

King Hussein recently warned of the danger of communism cloaked under the guise of Arab nationalism.

PLEASANT
A government spokesman meanwhile said "the whole situation has returned to normal since the formation of the Cabinet." Khalidi and his ministers left to get the King to take their oaths of office and a Royal decree was expected shortly.

Not Clear
The situation in what King Hussein had termed "a wild attempt" by universities to gain control of the Jordan Army during the political crisis was still not clear.

There had been reports around that army Chief of Staff Ali Abu Nuyur had been deposed by the King, but today a government spokesman said that Ali Abu Nuyur was still in Amman and that there was no reason to suppose he is other than still Chief of Staff.

However, according to Reuter, Nuyur arrived at Damascus last night.

He declined to meet the press. (Arab sources in Baghdad had reported that Nuyur was captured when attempting to leave the country.)

The Government crisis had exploded when Hussein demanded and got the resignation of Nabulsi last Wednesday after the leftist National Socialist Premier had insisted that Jordan establish diplomatic relations with Russia. The King daily refused to send an Ambassador to Moscow.

Nabulsi also insisted on strict adherence to the policy of the Egyptian-led Arab bloc, described as "positive neutralism" between East and West. He insisted on rejecting a visit by President Eisenhower's special mission to the Middle East led by James Richards.

Hussein also wants adherence to Arab nationalist policies, but remains pro-Western as well, and anti-Communist.

Remain As Before
Today the King said that Jordan's policy would remain as it was before the crisis. A government spokesman elaborated:

"Jordan's foreign policy will remain aligned to that of the liberated Arab states of Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia."

Khalidi's formation of a new government today came after failures by him, National Socialist Abdul Halim Nimr and Upper House Speaker Said al-Murad to bring the King and the opposing political forces together.

Murad and Cairo Ambassador Fawzi al-Murad, both in the new government, played a prominent role in mediating the conflict between Hussein and Nabulsi.

Other members of the government include: Technical Education Minister, Dr. Suleiman al-Sayid; Director of Jordan National Bank, who is believed to be Minister of Economy and Finance, Amin Majdal, a former Mayor of Jerusalem; and Majid Adnan Hadid.

The procedure now is to call a constituent assembly for preparation of the new Cabinet's programme.

It has been said that the formation of a new govern-

NO DECISION ON SUEZ ISSUE

New York, Apr. 15.

British sources said today that a firm decision still had not been made on calling the United Nations Security Council into session on the Suez Canal issue.

Britain, France and the United States were reported at the weekend to have agreed on this course, but the sources said that "timing strategy" had not been worked out.

Sir Picot Dixon, British permanent representative, is president of the Council this month, under the rotation system.

United Nations sources said today that Egypt had made no "formal transmission" to Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, the Secretary-General, of any amended plan for operating the canal, as some weekend reports stated.

Mr. Omar Loutfi, Egyptian permanent representative, has called on Mr. Hammarskjold several times in the last week or so, but the sources said he had not submitted a new plan.—China Mail Special.

UK BUDGET APPROVED

London, Apr. 15.

The House of Commons tonight approved the British Government's budget proposals for the fiscal year 1957-58 by 317 votes to 232—a government majority of 65.

Labour opposition turned a vote of 65—a barely majority—against the budget. Among other things, concessions were being made to the wealthy and to the poor.

The motion asked for approval of the budget bill which will put the budget proposals into legal form.—Reuter.

Two people were killed and 12 others wounded when groups of North Africans opened fire with submachine guns on two cafes frequented by North Africans in Paris tonight.

All the wounded people were taken to hospital for treatment.—Reuter.

NO PROBE INTO ADAMS CASE

London, Apr. 15.

THE Attorney-General, Sir Reginald Maudslayi-Buller, said today he wished to repudiate "malicious rumours" that the prosecution against Dr. John Adams was launched against the advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Chief Constable of Eastbourne.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons, he said: "There has been no disagreement between the Director of Public Prosecutions and myself as to the course which should be pursued in this case."

Dr. Adams, 58, was found not guilty and acquitted at the Old Bailey, London, on April 9 on a charge of murdering one of his patients, Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell, aged 81.

The Attorney-General replied "No, sir" when asked if he would institute an independent inquiry into the preparation, organisation and conduct of the prosecution case against Dr. Adams, excepting the proceedings in court.—China Mail Special.

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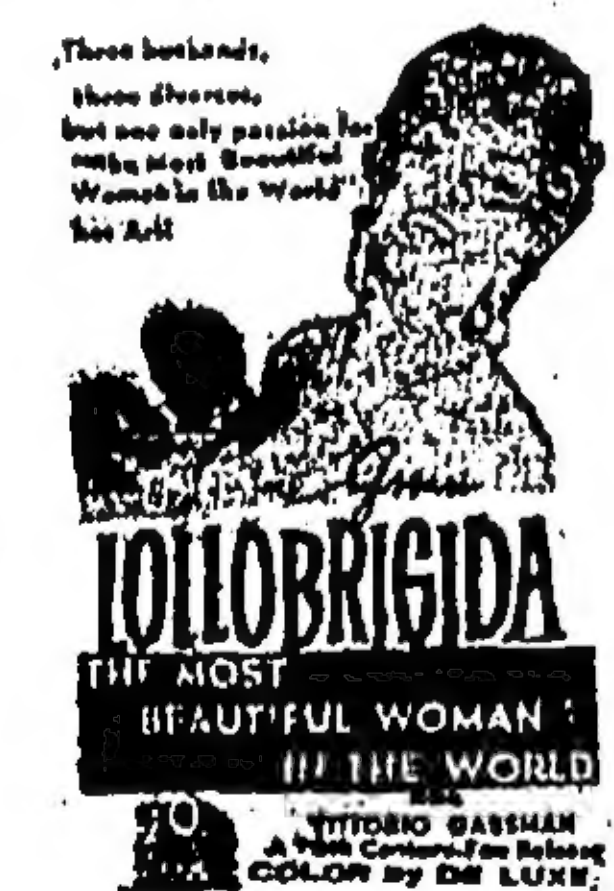
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Paris, Apr. 15.

Admiral Jerould Wright, Supreme Commando of NATO's Atlantic Fleet, told a press conference today the fleet had "ships with anti-aircraft missiles and also with longer range missiles for the destruction of other ships and of land targets."

He added: "We also have a certain number of submarines from which missiles can be launched."

Asked whether these missiles contained atomic warheads, Admiral Wright, who is also Commander-in-Chief of the United States Atlantic Fleet, said he could not discuss that question.

What he could say was that the United States navy did have the capability of launching aircraft carrying atomic weapons, he added.

Keep Sea Open

Oil Combine
To Build
Refinery

Colombo, Apr. 16.

An Anglo-American oil combine, comprising four big companies, will be awarded a government franchise to build a refinery here, according to informed sources.

The combine of Shell, British Petroleum, Standard Vacuum, and Caltex, reportedly, submitted new proposals to the Ministry of Industries regarding the project. The new proposals, it was reported, met with government favour.

Other contenders for the refinery franchise include Russian oil interests and an Indian combine backed by Persian and French financiers, and the US firm of Foreign Research.

The Ministry of Industries spokesman said there was "difficulty" in agreeing on a site for the refinery, but that the Anglo-American combine's new proposals were more acceptable. The Government rejected previous proposals as too "monopolistic."

The refinery is expected to cost somewhere between 24-million dollars and 40-million dollars.—United Press.

Beauty Salon
Charged

Hollywood, Apr. 15.

The Hungarian actress, Zsa Zsa Gabor, filed suit today against a Beverly Hills beauty shop for \$40,000 damages, claiming that her blonde hair began falling out in large quantities after application of a bleach.

The actress, who recently declined to have her head shaved for a film role, charged in a complaint against the Rite Young Beauty Salon that the bleach, applied on January 9, burned her scalp and caused her hair to become split.

The suit, filed in nearby Santa Monica, alleged that the loss of some of her hair forced her to cancel motion picture and television commitments. She asked \$20,000 for the loss and another \$20,000 for loss of work.—United Press.

VICAR LEAVES:
BRITAIN TOO
EXPENSIVE

London, Apr. 15.

The Rev. Paul Atkins, parish vicar who said he could no longer afford to live in England, left for Australia with his family today.

The 47-year-old former vicar of Hove, Sussex, said he had to take a part time job as a clerk to make ends meet. He is married and has three teenage children. All left with him today aboard the liner "Orontes." They plan to settle in a country parish at Beverley, near Perth.—United Press.



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BEGINS

London, Apr. 15.

Twenty people set off today on a pioneer 10,000-mile trip by coach through 15 countries from London to Calcutta.

Most of them have thrown up jobs and spent their savings on the journey.

The organizer of the journey is Oswald Garrow Fisher who will drive the coach. His advertisement brought him 200 replies mostly from young women.

Single fare for the trip is £80 and £65 for the return. The route is via Paris, Lyons, Turin, Milan, Venice, Belgrade, Sophia, Istanbul and Ankara to Tehran and Pakistan.

On the return route, the organizer hopes that Syria and Jordan will be open to tourists.—France-Press.

Injured
Authoress
Improves

Paris, Apr. 15.

The condition of 21-year-old Francoise Sagan, the authoress of 'Tristesse', badly injured in a car crash yesterday, showed slight improvement tonight.

Her brother Jacques, leaving her bedside, told the Press that although her condition remained serious there was now hope for life.

The doctors decided today to take the young authoress out from the hospital and where she has been since last night.

Miss Sagan, suffering from skull fractures and broken bones, including a broken wrist, was given strong doses of morphine, and slipped into unconsciousness again.

One of the doctors in attendance said tonight that despite a slight improvement, no diagnosis of her many injuries could be definitely made before 48 hours.—France-Press.

Russians
Fail To
Turn Up

Rochester, Apr. 15.

Soviet scientists, who had accepted an invitation from the University of Rochester to attend a high energy nuclear physics conference here, failed to appear at today's opening session.

Officials said the Russians were to have left Moscow by air last Thursday and were due in New York last Friday.

Efforts to phone Moscow today were unsuccessful.

Mr. Clifton T. Macleod, a university official who went to New York on Friday to greet the Soviet group, said here today he would "learn nothing of their whereabouts."

Later a cable was received from the Soviet Academy of Sciences saying that its delegation was unable to attend "for technical reasons."

The cable was signed by "Acting Chief Secretary of the USSR Academy of Sciences."

It said: "Regrettably, the USSR Academy of Sciences delegation could not attend Rochester conference due to technical reasons. Best wishes for conference success."—China Mail Special.

QUAKER WANTS
TO ACCOMPANY
'SUICIDE' FLEET

London, Apr. 15.

Mr Harold Steele, a British Quaker who wants to sail with a Japanese "suicide" fleet into the area set aside for Britain's coming nuclear tests in the Pacific, said today he had booked air passages for himself and his wife to Fiji on May 4.

He told reporters he hoped to "provide the same kind of protest" against the nuclear tests among the Fiji population.

Mr Steele said he was still awaiting to hear whether the Japanese Government would grant him a visa.

He gave the names of his two Japanese co-travellers as Mrs. Takako Kawai, the wife of the principal of Aichi University, and Iwao Hasegawa, of the Hasegawa Trading Company.

The Queen At The Louvre



The Queen, magnificently gowned in a dress of a brilliant kingfisher blue, is accompanied by Mr. Guy Mollet on her arrival at the Louvre last week for the banquet, given in her honour by the French Government. This was the Queen's last official engagement of her State Visit.—Reutersphoto.

US Professors
Said To Be
'Spying'

Colombo, Apr. 15.

Prime Minister S.W.D. Bandaranaike has promised to investigate personally charges that visiting American professors are collecting strategic information and forwarding it to the US Defence Department.

At the same time, a cabinet minister accused the "voice of America" of broadcasting material of an "offensive nature" and asked for government action.

Charges against visiting Fulbright professors centered around aerial photographs made by professors attached to the geography section of Ceylon University.

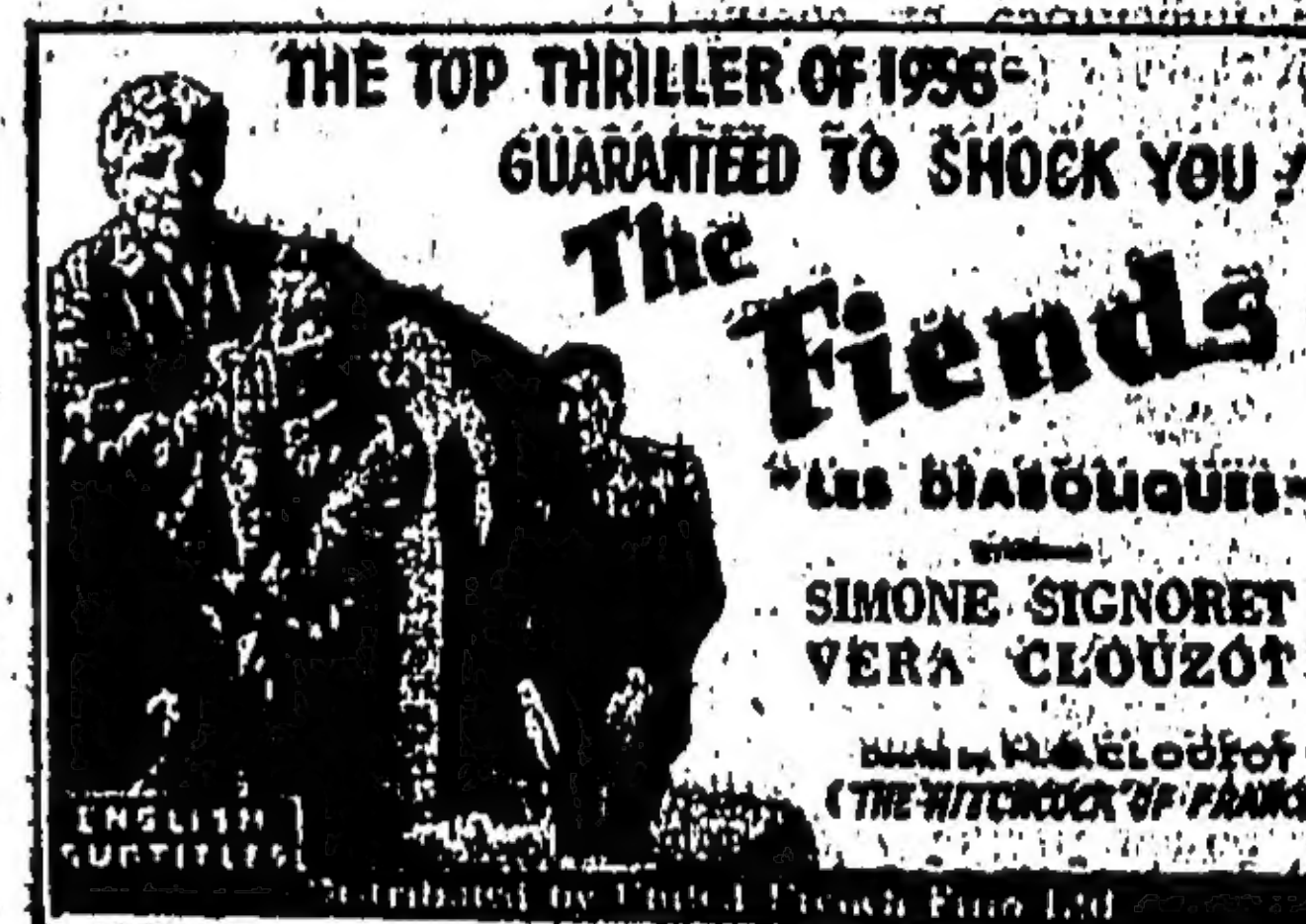
Members of Parliament Bernard Soysa said he learned that photographs were sent direct to the US Defence Department in Washington.

He asked the government to investigate the possibility of an "espionage" system conducted under the guise of teaching geography.

Prime Minister Bandaranaike told the House of Representatives the matter had already been brought to his attention and that he would investigate it personally.—United Press.

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LABOUR TO MOVE VOTE OF CENSURE

REVIVAL OF KUKLUX-KLAN IN AMERICA

New York, Apr. 15. The Ku-Klux-Klan, a racist organisation, is having its most vigorous revival in the southern states since 1920, the magazine "Look" reported in its current issue.

The magazine said the KKK is helped by the indulgence displayed toward the organisation by the local authorities in the south.

More than 100,000 persons have joined the organisation since 1954, when the Supreme Court declared racial segregation in schools to be illegal, the "Look" said.

The principal "Klans", those of Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, have more than 1,000,000 members, the magazine said. — France-Press.

THREE MISSING

EMPTY BOAT FOUND

Washington, Apr. 15. Search planes operating out of Iceland have found the open longboat in which three Russian seamen disappeared in the Denmark Straits 13 days ago, the Navy announced tonight.

It said the boat was "in damaged condition" but that the search for the three occupants was continuing on the chance that they may be alive on ice floes in the North Atlantic area. The longboat was found by a naval patrol plane assigned to the Iceland defence force, which is co-operating in the search with the Icelandic Lifesaving Association and the Icelandic Coast Guard.

APPRECIATION

The Navy said the Soviet Embassy in Reykjavik had been informed of American participation in the search and that an Embassy spokesman had expressed appreciation.

The State Department disclosed on Saturday that US naval patrol planes had been ordered to co-operate in the search for the Russian seamen, who were crew members of the Soviet sealer *Tajikobol*.

They had been sent out in the "mystery" longboat to collect "alien animals" when they disappeared on April 2. Sergei Strizhov, Soviet Embassy counsellor here, requested US help in the search. — United Press.

Socialists Demand Govt Should Postpone N-Tests

By FRASER WIGHTON

London, Apr. 15.

The British Labour Opposition in Parliament will tomorrow move a vote of censure against the government's defence policy, which, it claims, depends too much on the ultimate deterrent of nuclear weapons.

Socialists are demanding that the Conservative Government should temporarily postpone Britain's proposed nuclear tests at Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean pending moves for agreement among the nuclear powers to abolish tests.

The two-day defence debate involves the first all-out split between the two main parties over the nation's defence effort — which Labour, when in power in 1950, launched on its present scale of between £1,400 million and £1,500 million a year.

Government defence policy for the year 1952-53 was announced recently in an official report, and gave details of the reshaping of defence which has been forced partly by Britain's economic difficulties in the wake of the Suez crisis.

Reduction

It involves a reduction of manpower on the ground, counter-balanced by greater efficiency through the use of guided missiles.

Labour has taken the unusual course of rejecting the policy as a whole.

Its censure motion, to be voted on Wednesday evening, "declines to approve the government's outline of future defence policy."

The motion claims that despite a waste of money and resources in the past five years, "due to repeated government vacillation," the policy still lacks the first decisions essential.

"It further regrets the undue dependence on the ultimate deterrent on which the policy appears to be based," the resolution states.

Real Solution

It adds: "Recognising that international disarmament is the only real solution to the problem of defence, and conscious of the dangers to humanity of the continuance of nuclear competition, the Labour Party calls on the government to take an immediate initiative in putting forward effective proposals for the abolition of H-bomb tests through international agreement."

The Labour Party has only recently agreed a common line on H-bomb policy, on which its Members of Parliament have been much divided.

Last week it adopted unanimously an official resolution broadly on the lines of its censure motion, and calling for the postponement of the British tests.

This demand has the support of the Liberal Party, which has five Members of Parliament, but represents several millions of electors.

Labour has put down their own motion for the debate. This declares that the continued production of Britain of H-bombs and other weapons in no way helps the security and safety of her people, and will compel other countries to follow Britain's example, thus adding to the risk of world conflict.

No Prospects

The Socialist censure move has no prospect of success, because the Conservative Government has a House of Commons majority of around 60 over all Opposition parties combined.

Mr. Duncan Sandys, Minister of Defence, will open the debate tomorrow and it will be wound up on Wednesday night by Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister.

Chief opposition speakers will be Mr. George Brown, Mr. John Strachey and Mr. Geoffrey de Freitas, all former ministers. — China Mail Special.

Croatian Students Tried

Zagreb, Apr. 15.

Eleven students have been tried in Zagreb on charges of "Croatian Nationalism," and of trying to set up a "resistance movement" inside Yugoslavia, authoritative sources reported today.

Sources said about 30 students were arrested as far back as last autumn, and one trial was held in secret about two months ago. The sentences passed were not known but it was believed that they were not severe.

Further trials were believed to be either in progress or expected.

The students were said to have belonged chiefly to the medical faculty of Zagreb University.

The main charge against them was believed to be conspiracy. There were also suggestions that they had fallen under western influences while studying abroad, sources said.

BRIEF REPORT

The only published reference to the case was a brief report in the latest issue of the newspaper of the Zagreb University Student's Union "Studentical List" which disclosed that a trial of eleven students had taken place in Zagreb at an unspecified time.

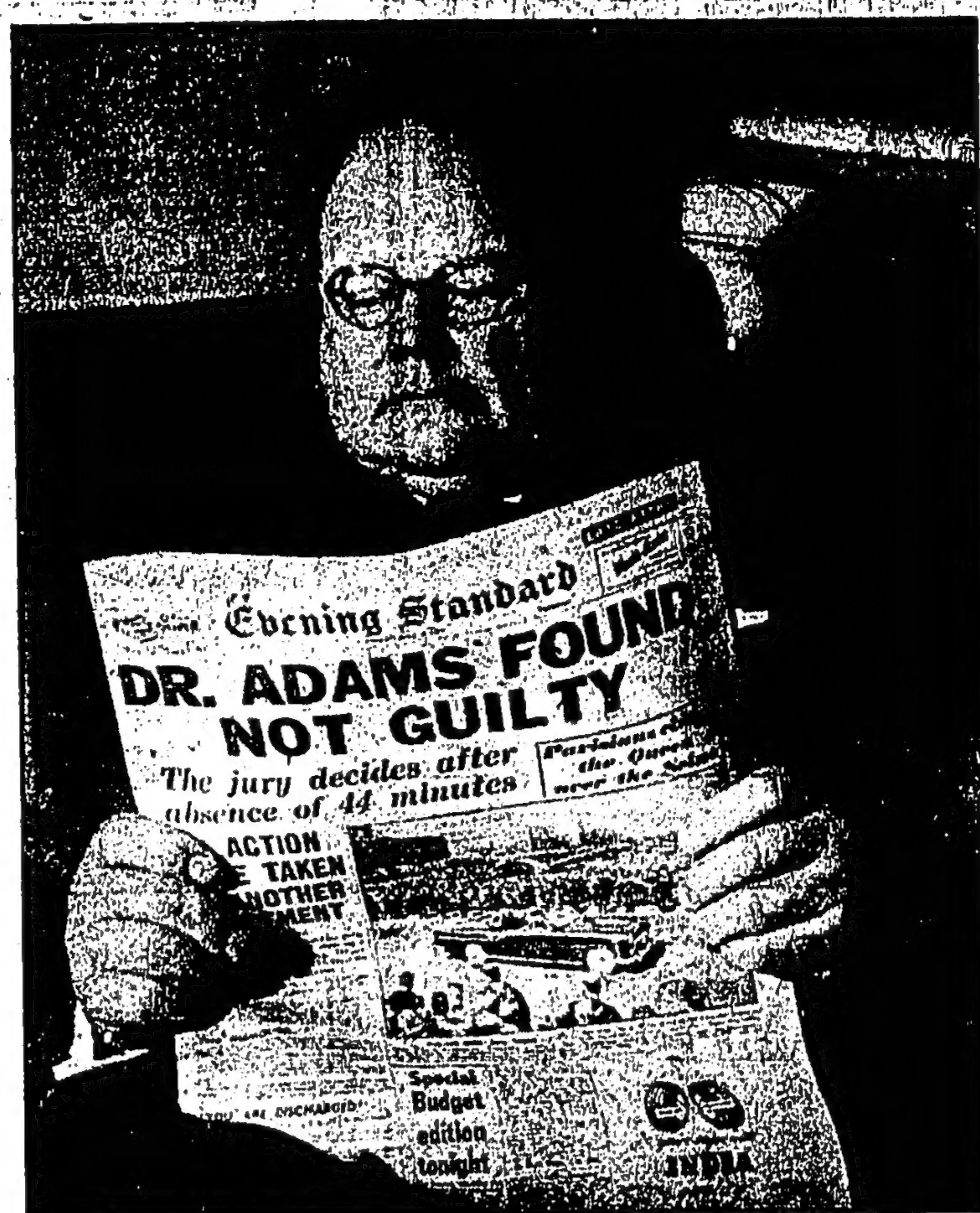
Observers said the trial underlined existing problems of nationalist feeling in Yugoslavia, which is a federation of Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Macedonians, and Montenegrins. Zagreb is the capital of the Croatian Republic and is one of Yugoslavia's most western-type cities, and students and professors at the university are regarded as generally having western ideas. — Reuters.

Indonesians Visiting China

Tokyo, Apr. 15. The Communist New China News Agency reported today that an Indonesian military delegation will visit China early next month.

Quoting a dispatch from Djakarta, the NCNA broadcast said the delegation will be led by Indonesian Deputy Army Chief of Staff Subroto.

The broadcast did not mention the purpose of the visit. — United Press.



Picture taken of Dr John Adams after his acquittal. — Express Photo.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PRE-TRIAL PUBLICITY

London, Apr. 15. Home Secretary R. A. Butler told the House of Commons today a special committee would investigate the question of pre-trial hearings in Britain.

His statement came in reply to opposition Labour Party demands to know if legislation would be introduced to limit or prohibit the reporting of such preliminary hearings in the press.

These demands arose from the recent case of Dr John Bodkin Adams, wealthy Eastbourne physician accused of murdering a patient for profit.

Adams was acquitted by a jury, but members of parliament had charged that pre-trial publicity of the preliminary hearing

in Eastbourne had prejudiced the case against him. Shortly before Butler made his announcement, Attorney-General Sir Reginald Maudslayi-Buller turned down another demand in Commons for an independent inquiry into the preparation, organisation and conduct of the Crown case against Adams. — United Press.

SECURITY RELAXED IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, Apr. 15. British military authorities today relaxed stringent security measures aimed at protecting British troops and their families against Cypriot extremist attacks.

The measure was another step towards the return to normal conditions on Cyprus, following the release of Archbishop Makarios from his internment in the Seychelles Islands.

British soldiers wearing civilian clothes were again seen strolling through the markets and shopping streets of the walled Greek quarters of Nicosia and other main towns, formerly off limits to them.

Families were again seen picnicking on out-of-town beaches. Under the emergency measures, soldiers and their families had been confined to guarded beaches.

The order to let down all shutters at night time as a precaution against bomb-throwing also was rescinded. — United Press.

GIRLS SELL A COUNTRY, NOT POLITICIANS

Adelaide, Apr. 15. Pretty girls have more appeal abroad than Australian politicians, according to Miss June Finlayson, the 25-year-old Miss Australia for 1959, just back from a seven-country tour including Britain and America.

"People like me will give Australia more publicity than politicians," she said today.

"People in other countries will listen to a pretty girl rather than to a politician," — China Mail Special.

London, Apr. 15. Soviet President Klement Voroshilov was guest of honour at a dinner given in Peking tonight by Chinese Communist Party head Mao Tse-tung, according to a Peking Radio Broadcast heard here. — United Press.

US Proposal Supported By Britain

London, Apr. 15. Commander Allan Noble, of Britain, supported the latest United States plan for nuclear disarmament at today's meeting of the Five-Power United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee, a Western conference source stated.

The plan, put forward last week by the American delegate, Mr. Harold Stassen, provides for the establishment of an international control system next spring. It would ensure that the world's nuclear powers switched their production from military to peaceful purposes.

The French delegate, M. Jules Moch, has already given his general support.

Commander Noble was reported to have said Britain would be willing to participate in the first phase of the plan — a meeting on September 10 of technicians from the sub-committee member countries to start organising the control system. — Reuters.

MAD BOMBER OF MANHATTAN DYING OF TUBERCULOSIS

New York, Apr. 15. George J. Metesky, the "Mad Bomber of Manhattan," is dying of tuberculosis and may have only a few more weeks to live, a physician testified today at a bedside court hearing.

Metesky, 54, was seized by a severe fit of coughing and spitting blood as he was being taken to a hospital by ambulance.

Metesky, who is chief psychiatrist for Bellevue Hospital, a 735-bed specialist, said that Metesky is hopelessly insane and growing worse. His testimony failed to convince a Manhattan judge who has declined to grant Metesky's request to be released.

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REBEL LEADERS IN ALGERIA CHANGE OUTLOOK: MOLLET

Paris, Apr. 15.

French Premier M. Guy Mollet said tonight, in a radio broadcast, that a profound change of outlook has taken place among the leaders of the rebellion in Algeria within the last year.

M. Mollet said that a year ago "the leaders of the rebellion were convinced that in the more or less near future they could drive the Europeans out of Algeria."

"They were talking about a new Dien Bien Phu. Today, they have completely given up this view and they realise that there will be no military solution for them in Algeria."

He recalled the two setbacks suffered by the rebel movement in recent months:

First, the fact that the United Nations showed understanding of France's position in Algeria, and second that the Algerian general strike, called to coincide with the United Nations session on Algeria, was a failure.

Completely Convinced

M. Mollet said he was completely convinced that if negotiations could be carried out in a peaceful atmosphere and without threats, the great mass of Algerian people, both Moslems and Europeans, would favour a peaceful solution of the same kind as that proposed by France.

M. Mollet recalled that Algerian leaders were claiming stiffened resistance.

"That is a new error on their part. They will perceive in the near future that Algerian public opinion is not with them," M. Mollet said.

M. Mollet stressed that France would keep its promises in the realm of political, economic and social reforms in Algeria.

Proposals Open

He said that French proposals for a cease-fire remained open, and that when peace returned, elections would be organized.

Referring to the new French commission to investigate alleged atrocities in Algeria, M. Mollet said, "Some 700,000 men have gone into Algeria. It is some individuals who have committed excesses. We demand that they should be punished, but do not accept that 700,000 of your sons could be torturers, that is unfair to them and to all of France."

He said the French government wished to know the truth.

The commission would not only investigate completely, in order to punish anyone at fault, but would question all accused to see whether they were making charges without proof, or in a responsible manner. — France-Press.

ADENAUER TO MEET SCIENTISTS

Bonn, Apr. 15. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will meet with four of West Germany's leading atomic scientists on Wednesday.

The scientists will discuss their views on the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, and the need for international control.

Soon afterward the Chancellor or his government will address a new urgent appeal to world public opinion for complete atomic disarmament, informed Bonn Government sources reported.

The appeal probably will be made after Adenauer's meeting with the scientists or during a scheduled atomic debate in the Bundestag (Lower House of Parliament) after Easter.

Adenauer will meet with the atomic scientists on Wednesday morning. They are Professor Otto Hahn, first man to split the atom, and Professors Werner Heisenberg, Karl Friedrich von Weizsäcker, and Karl Uegen, Julius Wirtz.

The announcement followed an angry clash between Adenauer and a group of 18 prominent scientists who signed a statement at Göttingen on Friday denouncing plans to equip the Bundeswehr with tactical atomic arms. The scientists warned they would try to work out any project connected with atomic armaments for the Bundeswehr. — United Press.

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MEDALS GALORE

Melbourne, Apr. 15. More than half the campaign stars and medals won by Australian servicemen in the Second World War and in Korea have not been claimed.

At various service stores medals await application by about 15,000 ex-Navy, 450,000 ex-Army, and 175,000 ex-RAAF.

Some ex-merchant navy men and airline pilots with service in war zones are also entitled to medals they have not sought.

With an average of more than three awards due to them there are still some 700,000 medals to be claimed by Second World War men. — China Mail Special.

Jap Ferry Salvaged: Many Missing

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

Salvaged boats today pulled up the ferryboat *Kitagawa Maru*, which ran aground and sank in Japan's scenic Inland Sea on Friday with the loss of more than 100 lives.

The superstructure of the 39-ton vessel rose above the water early Monday evening. Tugs then towed the ferry to shallow water some 50 yards from shore. Thirty-five bodies and the hull of the ferry have been recovered from the sea so far.

Police and search headquarters kept revising the figure on the number of missing and survivors. They explained that their first figure of 215 persons aboard the ferry when it hit the shoal was based on the number of tickets sold. Actually there were several others, including children, who boarded the ferry without tickets.

FIGURES VARY

Some reports quoting search headquarters said there were 76 missing others said 79.

It was believed the exact figures would never be known. Many more bodies were believed still trapped in the hull of the ferry, but others probably were carried away by the swift and changing currents of the Inland Sea, which stretches between the main Japanese island of Honshu and the smaller islands of Shikoku and Kyushu. — United Press.

Ruth Roman's Divorce Through

Hollywood, Apr. 15. Film actress Ruth Roman and Mortimer Hall, a radio station operator, finally became divorced under California law today—several months after they had married new partners.

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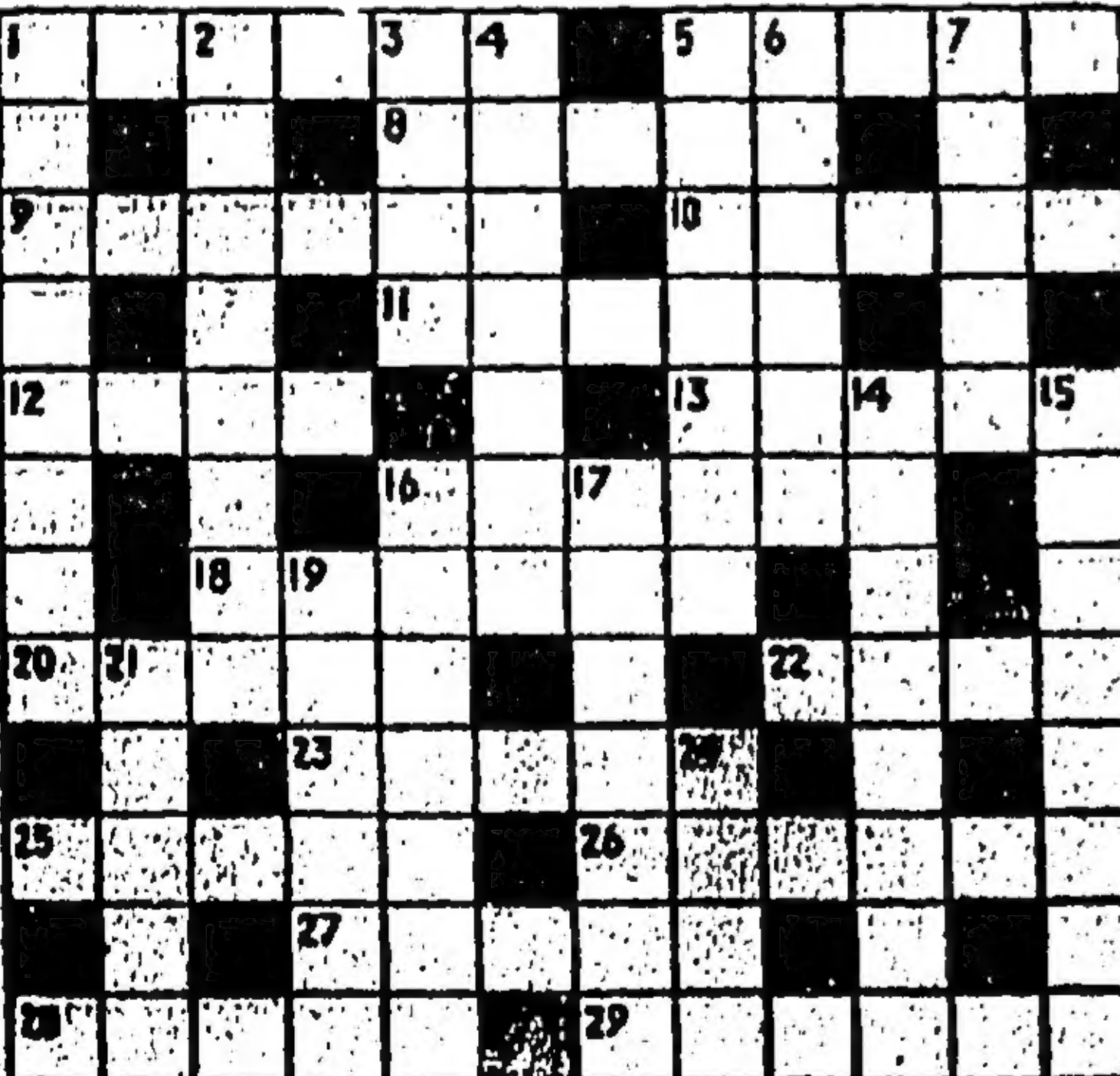
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Fair game (5).
- 5 Deadly snake (5).
- 9 Peculiarity of language (5).
- 10 Mischievous (5).
- 11 Tend (5).
- 12 Danger (5).
- 13 Tie up and flog (4).
- 14 Conditions (5).
- 15 Distant (6).
- 16 Awkward problem (6).
- 17 Arson (5).
- 18 Buff (4).
- 19 Checks (5).
- 20 Carp (5).
- 21 Make effervescent (6).
- 22 Spit (5).
- 23 Intends (5).
- 24 Clear a channel (4).

DOWN

- 1 Bold (8).
- 2 Contrary (8).
- 3 Spoken imperfectly (4).
- 4 Slicks to (7).
- 5 Lizard at school? (7).
- 6 Lucky charm (7).
- 7 Broom (6).
- 8 Towards the back (8).
- 14 Wild light (8).
- 15 Eccentric toys (7).
- 16 Frivolous female (7).
- 17 Fizz (4).
- 18 Pursue (8).
- 24 Soothsayer (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Exhume, 2. Acres, 3. Omen, 4. Rupture, 5. Incur, 6. Ever, 7. Pile, 8. Easy, 9. Abuse, 10. Idle, 11. Sense, 12. Niche, 13. Approx, 14. Not-A, 15. Ruse, 16. Edging, 17. Down, 18. Seal, 19. House, 20. Mole, 21. Scurry, 22. Ashes, 23. Recharge, 24. Scourge, 25. Breeze, 26. Matinee, 27. Police, 28. Lament, 29. Sleep, 30. Apathy, 31. Speed, 32. Scent, 33. Peace.



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FORSOOTH!

'twas India that invented Metric Money

THE man in a swaddling suit, sitting cross-legged among piles of nuts and spices in the bazaar and the man in city clothes standing behind the hotel desk are counting on their fingers this week.

Reason for these mental gymnastics? The currency has been changed from the annas and pies to puzzling for foreigners to what any other country but India would call cents.

Have they have the unwieldy name of naya paise, which means "new money."

There are of course, 100 naya paise to the rupee (1/6d). In shops and stores Indians are arguing over conversion tables cut from news-

New Delhi, posters because charges for postage stamps and newspapers are now in the new currency although the old annas and pies will still be used for months before the shiny new coin, are in full circulation.

Said Premier Nehru, introducing the new coinage: "We are not adopting anything alien. India gave the world long ago the great discovery of zero and numerals and, later, the beginning of what became known as the metric system saw the light because of Indian genius. So we go back to our own."

Meanwhile, finger-counting and head-scratching goes on.

STEPHEN HARPER

Part eight of our serial NO FLOWERS BY REQUEST

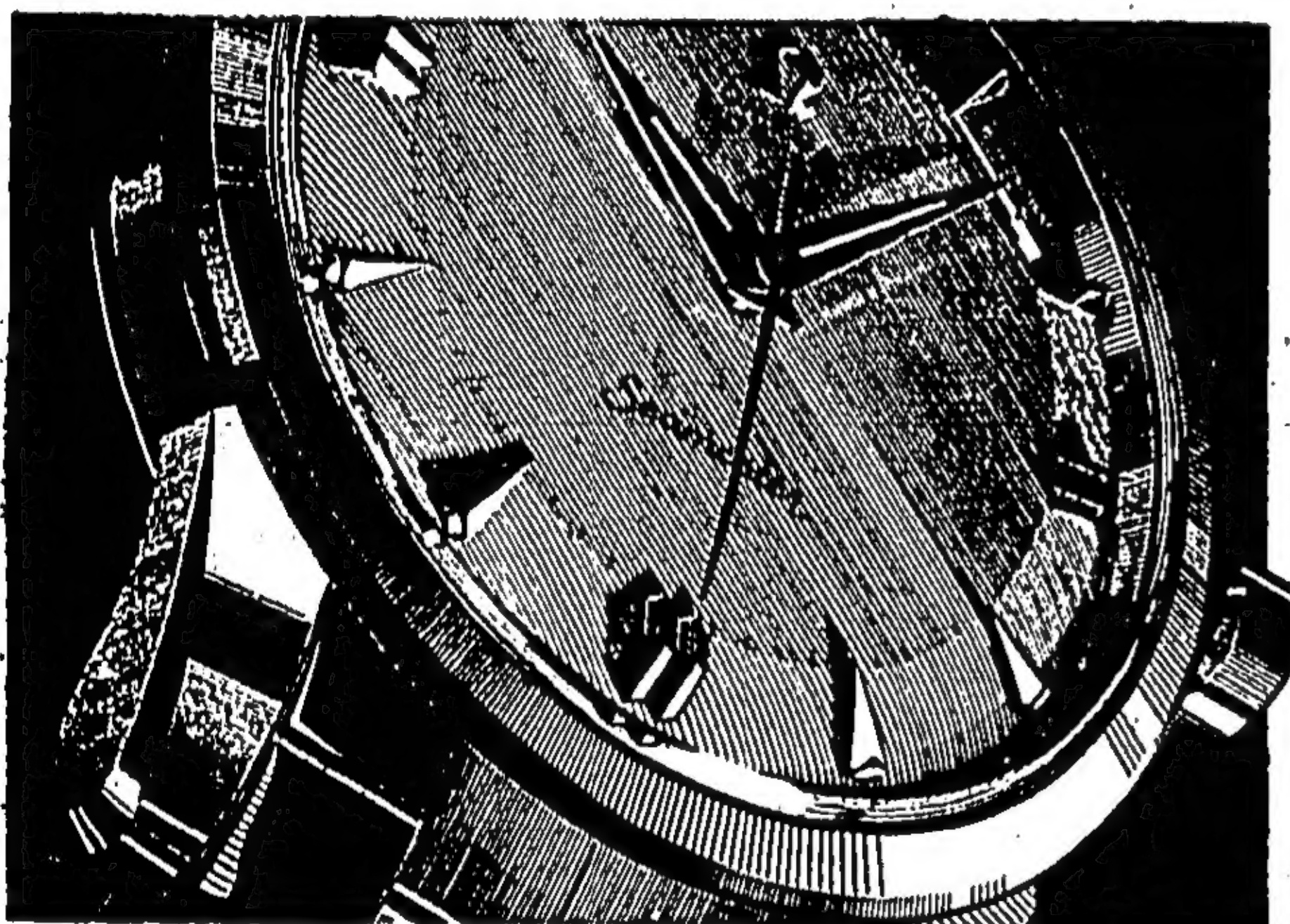
And there stood Murder

★ TAKING a job as cook-housekeeper, Widow Morton finds herself caught up in a mystery. Invalid Mrs Carrington, wife of the widow's employer, dies from poisoning. Fear and suspicion fill the old rectory. NOW read on.



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Madman Alone

HITLER'S Deputy Rudolf Hess has been in prison ever since his dramatic bid to end the war in 1941. Alone in a cell, in a prison for 550—his guard, between 100 and 180 soldiers.

Aged, haggard Rudolf Hess probably is the only German alive today who still openly acknowledges the leadership of Adolf Hitler.

In his cell at four-power Spandau prison, Hess harangues himself on the glories of the dead Fuehrer and his own role as Hitler's deputy.

Sometimes, carried away by emotion, he sings the "Horst Wessel" song and attempts to goose-step in a cell 10 feet long and 6 feet wide.

He has been a prisoner since May, 1941, when he made his mysterious flight to Scotland without Hitler's knowledge to give Britain peace terms.

Now 62, he will end his days in prison or in a madhouse.

The four-power Nuremberg military tribunal sentenced him to life for crimes against world peace and planning and starting a war of aggression.

Hess has aged far beyond his years. His features are haggard,

most untidy, although once he took pride in his cabbage.

Some think Hess is insane, but most observers at Spandau think he probably only is eccentric.

Except for his Nazi outbursts and occasional shouts of

guard ranges from about 100 soldiers when the Americans have the rotating prison guard-manship, to some 180 when the Soviets have the chair. The United States, British, French and Soviets take turns providing the guard.

The Soviets have put out feelers for closing down the prison, and putting Hess in a hospital and the others in another gaol.

But such a step does not appear to be imminent.

In the prison along with Hess are Nazi youth leader Baldur von Schirach, who is serving a 20-year term; munitions boss Albert Speer, 20 years; and Finance Minister Walther Funk, life.

Admiral Karl Doenitz was released last year after serving a 10-year term. Earlier, Admiral Erich Raeder and Foreign Minister Konstantin von Neurath were released because of age and poor health.

FROM..... SPANDAU Joseph Fleming

his eyes sunken under beetle brows. In his grey prison uniform he has the appearance of a bony-looking scarecrow.

Of the four prisoners still left in the West Berlin prison, Hess is by far the most difficult. He complains bitterly of poor health, alleging heart, stomach and kidney ailments.

Once he worked regularly in the prison laundry, but now the four-power guards can get him to do little work.

Of all the garden patches in the prison courtyard, his in the

"Hell Hitler" Hess speaks little to anyone. He appears to live in a world of his own.

He steadfastly refuses to attend religious services—in a cell converted into a chapel—and he does not allow his family to visit him.

Of the seven top Nazis sentenced to serve their terms in Spandau in 1946, only four are left.

They are all alone in a prison built for 550 prisoners, their

By Anthony Gilbert

I TRIED to sort things out in my mind. After Philippa came down from her aunt's room we had stayed in the kitchen—oh, quite twenty minutes—talking before we went upstairs. She had been in a state of considerable distress, and what could you make of that?

Of course, she might simply be afraid her aunt was dying and be recalling that other occasion when someone else close to her had died of poison. Her husband—had she hated him? And if so why? In any case it was unnatural. A young man doesn't commit suicide unless there's something badly wrong, and I wondered how much she knew that she'd never chosen to tell.

Or had she deliberately kept me down there, knowing more about the effects of digitalis than I? Well, it seemed that the choice now was between Philippa Deane and some other member of the household who had come back by stealth, propped up the sick woman and got away, unnoticed. It would be so easy. The kitchen was shut off from the rest of the house and if Philippa and I had been talking we should bear nothing.

The grass verge came almost to the "French windows, and a man (or woman) moving softly wouldn't make a sound.

Or woman? That gave me a fresh idea. Marcus wasn't the only person who had been out that evening. How about Nurse Cutler? What alibi had she?

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Suppose Marcus didn't get arrested. Trent was no worse off. And very likely he couldn't afford to marry at the present time.

I threw my pencil down.

Embittered

Really, I knew too little about everyone. I didn't know what money Philippa had or where it came from. I didn't know where Joy Barnslow lived in. But whether Dr Grayling was in love with Philippa or not I was dead sure Trent was.

I remembered the day I found them together, and her cry of anguish: "I couldn't stand it again!" Of course, there was always the chance that Philippa herself would be accused, and her past would stand her in pretty poor stead. Would Trent think of that?

Ah, but I'd always heard that murderers were men (and women) of one idea. They didn't look ahead. If he resolved to poison Mrs Carrington with the intention of getting Marcus hanged, he wouldn't see more than an obstacle being removed from his path. And to an embittered young man of his experience would a life—or even two—seem particularly important?

He had so little—health gone, future gone—the only thing left to him in the maelstrom of post-war existence was this beautiful woman he so patently loved. I even began to wonder if he could have told us more about the late Mr Deane's death than had ever come to light.

Strong Case

But that was wasting time. It wasn't that death we were concerned about now. I moved on to the case against Philippa. This was the strongest of all—except for motive. Why should she want to poison Mrs Carrington?

I left that and thought about Joy. She had the most chance of getting the digitalis because she was always working just where it grew, she could pick it without anyone noticing and supposing you had to distil it—really, an a child whose violent crime is concerned—she could use the little stove in the potting-shed—there was an oil-stove. I'd noticed the day I found her there with Trent.

But that brought me up against another possibility. The stove in the potting-shed. Joy went off duty after tea—any

Characters in the Case

CENTRAL figure in the story is widowed Mrs MERTON, gentlewoman cook-housekeeper to the Carringtons. They are commercial artist MARCUS CARRINGTON and his invalid wife, who dies of poisoning. TRENT CARRINGTON, a war-wounded nephew, and MRS PHILIPPA DEANE, a niece of the nervy type. Mrs Carrington was looked after by NURSE CUTLER and visited by DR GRAYLING. An interesting outsider, blonde JOY BARNESLOW, comes to help in the garden, and another outsider is MRS HUTCHINSON, the daily help. Semmeharib, the cat, completes the household.

member the household could go down there, and I doubted whether their absence could be noted....

Discovery!

I came to the conclusion that nature had never intended me to be a sleuth, and I had just decided to stop my theories, when I saw the glaring omission I had made. I had assumed that the digitalis must have come from the doghouse at the foot of the garden. But had it?

Mightn't digitalis have been used just for that reason, that it was available to everyone?

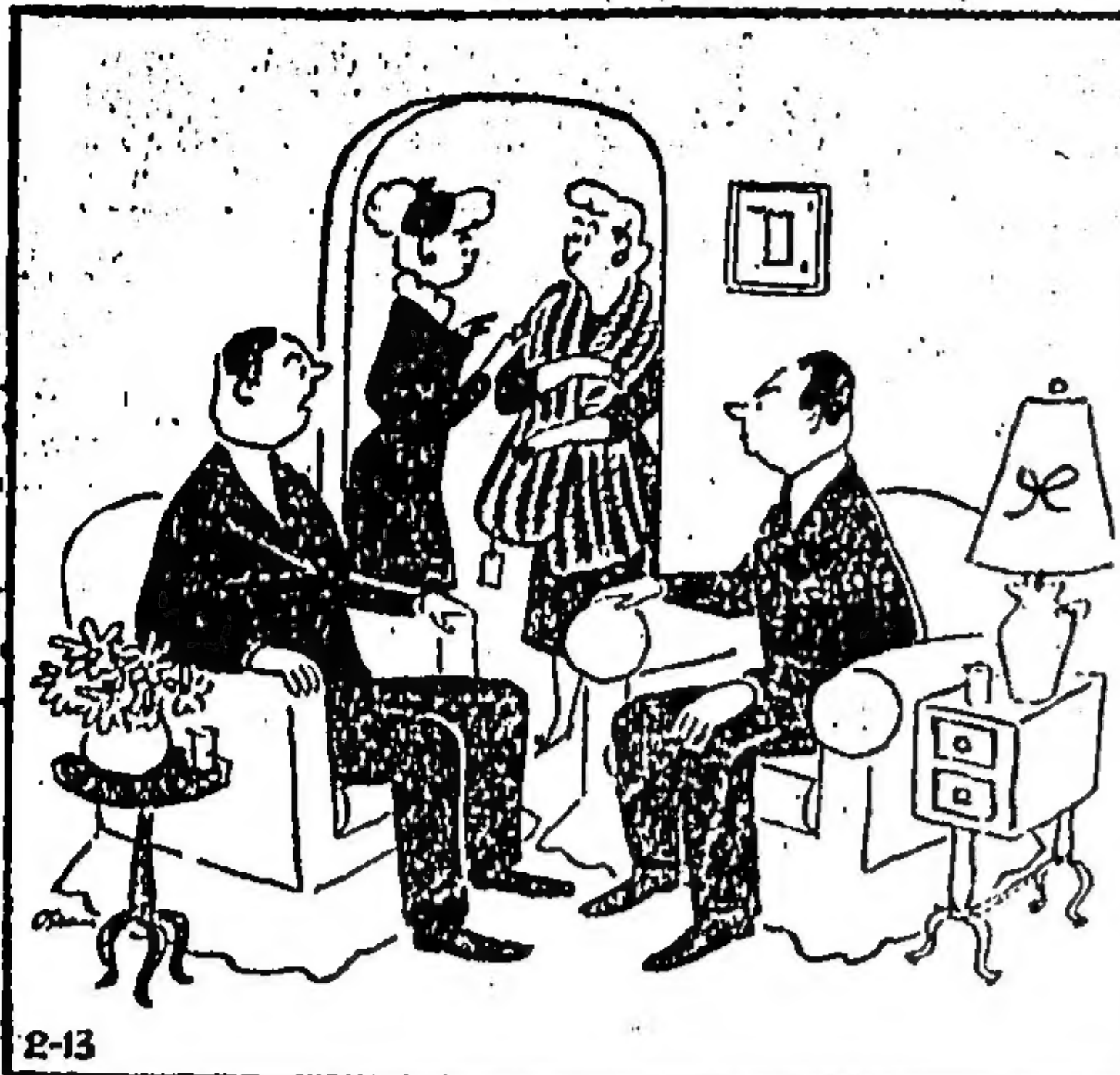
I don't remember how long I sat there—hours I daresay. But at last I got up and went out to the kitchen and made myself a cup of tea, and with it still steaming forgotten on my desk I stared down at my jigsaw puzzle and knew that I had found out at last how the murder had been committed.

When a knock sounded at my door I nearly jumped out of my skin.

"Come in," I said in a voice that didn't sound like my own. The door opened slowly, and there—my guest was right—stood MURDER on the threshold.

TOMORROW—44th issue of the magazine—CHRISTIANITY, begins the next chapter.

This Funny World



"Even if my money did grow on trees, it'd never get a chance to ripen."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I DOUBT if even that amazing angler Cosmo Smellingham-Smith has ever equalled the feat of an angler in Rhodesia who recently, while fishing with a worm, caught a crocodile.

"Excuse me, Sir," you might say, "but I think you have something on the end of your line." Smellingham-Smith once caught a hippopotamus in muddy waters, using a cherry as bait, but the unwieldy beast got away. Ashamed to return to the Residency without a catch, he purchased a rhinoceros from a rhinoceros farm and took it along with him. Or so they say.

Sensational revelation

A NARKOVER master revealed yesterday that some time ago Dr. Smart-Alick was considering the appointment of Captain Foulmough as financial adviser to the School. The Captain was anxious to know whether financial adviser, in this case, meant matters connected with the turf, or the handling of bigger and more secret opera-

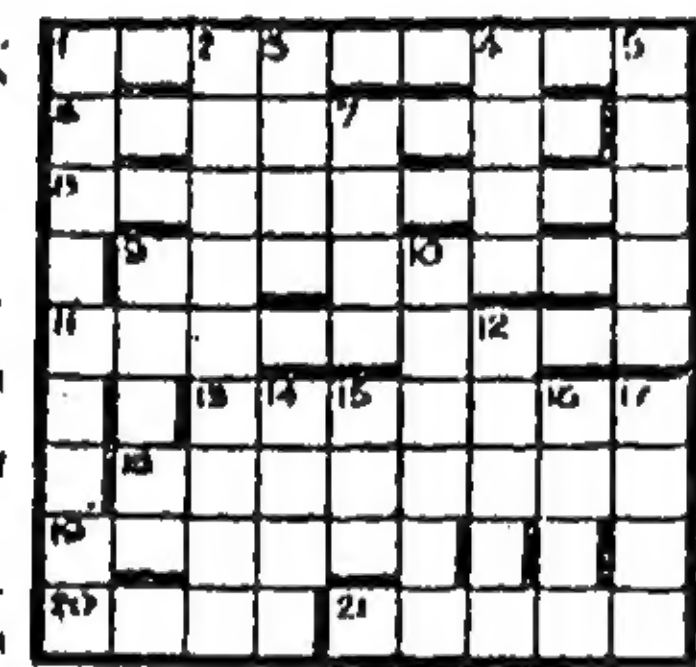
tions. The talker broke down when the Governing Body objected. Smart-Alick then suggested that Foulmough should have the nominal title of Music Master, as a cover for his real activities. But Foulmough said that such a title would make him a laughingstock "in their circles in which the Arts do not raise their milkop heads."

Storm in a horse-trough

A LUX on right-angle non-bevel-wheel greaseproof parapet wings with sorbed tail-hangers and Torzal flaps on nicker-edge bolt-screws is being opposed by Mrs. Relf, a telephonist in the HDL/FJ/17/36/41/9 Board at the Gyroscopic Research Station at Tarporley.

Mrs. Relf said last night: "Congealed lighting for public jobs is a step backward and will only cause discontent." A man with an M.C.C. ribbon round his bowler hat put his head between his legs and made faces at Councillor Hudge. He was ejected. "I think Mrs. Relf misunderstood the whole thing," commented the chairman of a wallpaper company.

CROSSWORD

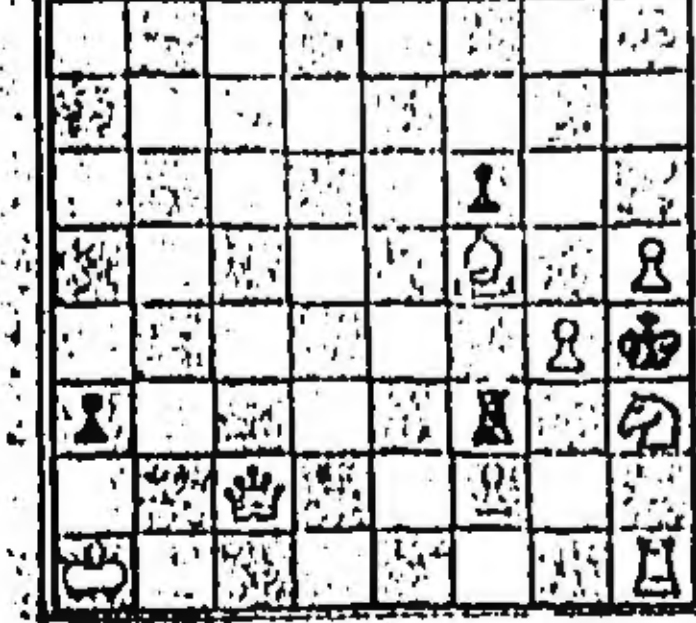


Across
1. This is expected to produce an effect on the upper class. (4, 6)
2. How an unbeliever. (10)
3. Victim of this but can't be bothered. (9)
4. House for show. (9)
5. You'll never make real progress this way. (9)
6. Stop for. (4)
7. Do part withers use this kind of part when employed. (10)
8. The but on the door. (4)
9. The man who 21 Acres doesn't go along with this. (6)
10. Brain children. (9)

Down
1. This helps with the perine (4-5)
2. This may be a warning and a sign. (9)
3. Object of reverence. (4)
4. Tale for punting cat. (4)
5. Mate is the end of this. (6)
6. Safety signal. (4)
7. Movable circle for fashion. (8)
8. You have been this after 7. Down signal. (6)
9. This elephant is a raging maddener. (10)
10. Drop with extreme consequences. (4)
11. A nimal form. (4)
12. (31) of a large intelligence. (6)
13. What a kee. (4)

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



A problem by B. J. da C. Andrade (Observer, 1927). White mates in three.
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ORIOLES BEAT SENATORS 7-6

President Eisenhower Munches Peanuts, Cheers, Sees Washington Lose

Washington, Apr. 15. President Eisenhower threw out two ceremonial "first" balls today and then watched in disappointment as the Baltimore Orioles scored a 7-6 victory over the Washington Senators in a tense 11-inning season opener.

The President and a disappointingly small opening day crowd of 23,872 sat through three hours and 17 minutes of sometimes thrilling, sometimes ragged baseball on this sunny but chilly day.

Eisenhower was the only starting "pitcher" who was still around at the end of the marathon battle between the two 100 to 1 shots in the American League pennant race. Baltimore used four pitchers and the victory finally went to a Brooklyn Dodgers cast-off—Billy Loes—who clinched the triumph with the help of an 11th-inning lead-off double by

an ex-Dodger teammate, Dick Williams. Williams brought home the winning run on a fly to center by rookie Carl Fowler after being moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Al Pillarick. Washington started Bob Chakales, a relief pitcher who was seeking his first complete game since 1953. He gave way, after seven innings, to Camillo Pascual who was charged with the loss.

President Eisenhower, munching peanuts and keeping his own score card, sat through to the end in the futile hope that the home team would pull this one out for him. But it was not to be.

A CHORE

Keeping a scorecard was something of a chore today, for Baltimore manager Paul Richards used 10 players—switching them around to beat Washington's 13 players in his vain effort to win this one for the President.

President Eisenhower stood and cheered lustily in the fourth inning when the Senators overcame a 2-0 deficit and exploded for five runs, two of them on a long triple by Chakales. The outburst sent Baltimore's starter, Hector (Skinny) Brown to the showers, and brought in Mike Fornieles.

But Washington's 5-2 margin was wiped out single-handedly by big Gus Triandos. The Baltimore pitcher, who the Orioles brought back into the ball game in the fifth when he unloaded a two-run single. Then he put them in front temporarily, 6-5, when he boomed a 400-foot homer into the left center field bleachers behind Bob Nieman's triple in the seventh.

President Eisenhower watched dejectedly as Triandos cleared the bases. But in the home half of the eighth he was on his feet cheering when catcher Clint Courtney blasted a ground-rule double into the center-field bullpen to score Eddie Yost, who had opened the inning with a walk.

CHEERING AGAIN

He was up cheering again in the top of the ninth, when Baltimore's Pillarick—his spikes riding high—came roaring into home with the potential winning run only to be thrown out on a great play by Eddie Yost and Courtney. Yost fielded a hard smash off Triandos' last and fired the ball to Courtney who stood his ground and tagged out Pillarick.

A double play choked off what appeared to be the makings of a winning Washington rally in the ninth. Courtney bounceling into an in-lining play after Yost and Jim Lemon had singled, Baltimore clinched it in the 11th when Williams opened with a double to left, moved to third on Pillarick's sacrifice and scored home on Fowler's fly.

Loes, who took over from Billy Odell in the 10th, snipped off a budding Washington rally in the 11th to preserve his victory.

Baltimore raked Chakales and Pascual for 18 strikeouts. Triandos was the big gun with a single, home run and double in that order. He drove in four runs.

This was Eisenhower's fifth performance as an Honorary Opening Day "pitcher." Emulating the New York Yankee's Don Larsen, the President skipped a wind-up for his two ceremonial pitches from his private box behind first base. His first, a 65-mph overhand blower, was a historic one. The ball he threw was the 10 millionth manufactured for the Major Leagues. It was caught by Baltimore pitcher Don Fornieles, autographed by the President, and will be sent on to Cooperstown, New York, to be enshrined in Baseball's Hall of Fame.

THE SCORES
Baltimore 110-020-010-01-7-15-3
Washington 000-000-010-00-0-11-2
Brown, Fornieles (4), Odell (9), Loes (10) and Triandos: Chakales, Pascual (8) and Courtney. WP—Loes (1-0). LP—Pascual (0-1). HR—Triandos (1st).—United Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Ladies' International: Final: England v Portugal at Southampton, 6 p.m.
Men's International: Portugal v Ireland at Reading, 7.30 p.m.
Schoolboys' Inter-Provincial: Hongkong v Taiwan at Caroline Hill 6 p.m.

TOMORROW

Men's Hockey League: Army "A" v Navy at Southampton, 6.30 p.m.
Rugby: Annual Athletic Championships at Kail Tak, 2.30 p.m.
HK Lawn Tennis League Entries close.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Record-Breaking Season For Lewis Jones

A Wembley appearance in the Rugby League Cup final on May 11, plus selection for the Great Britain World Cup party to visit Australia during the summer, completes a wonderful record-breaking season for Lewis Jones, ex-Wales Rugby Union star now with Leeds Rugby League Club.

Jones has already set up a new scoring record for Leeds this season. He needs only 14 more points to pass Jim Sullivan's biggest-ever total of 430 points in a Rugby League season. He has kicked 102 goals and scored 31 tries.

RETIRING

Vernon Ransford, who played 20 Test matches for Australia, is retiring from the secretaryship of the Melbourne Cricket Club. At 79 he is a sparsely built, graying man, whose quiet courtesy has always made visitors at home. Lately his health has not been good. Ransford was in England with M.A. Noble's team of 1909 and won the Test Match at

Lord's with an innings of 143 not out.

Frank Coultas will referee the FA Cup Final between Manchester United and Aston Villa at Wembley on May 4. But if the League hadn't changed a rule last summer Mr Coultas would not be there. He is over the Football League's limit of 47. He was retired at the end of last season but came back when granted a year's extension.

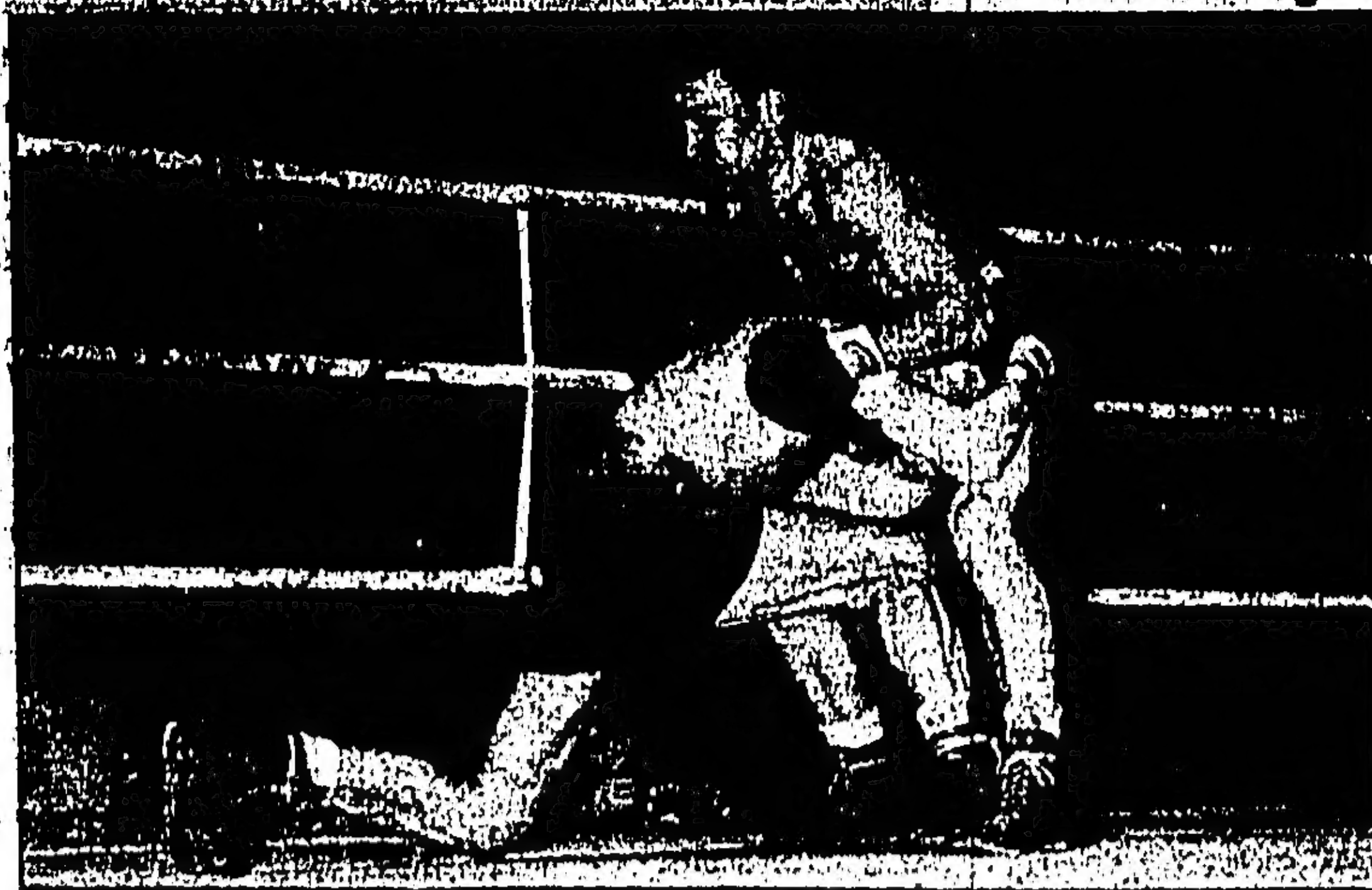
Low Road, Lawn Tennis Champion of Italy, France, Germany and Wimbledon, leaves Australia by air on April 16 for his assault on further

titles. He will compete in Naples, then move on to Britain for the British Hard Courts Championships. There, he will be joined by his tennis wife, Jennifer.

Tom Finney is England's Footballer of the Year for the second time. He is the first man to win the Football Writers' Association trophy twice. Tom, who won his 64th international when he led England's attack against Scotland recently, is the man who switched from outside right to centre-forward and boosted Preston from near the foot of the First Division table to Championship challengers.

—London Express Service.

Boxing, Not Wrestling



This may look like a wrestling match, but it isn't. This picture was snapped at the British Lightweight Championship fight between Joe Lucy (the holder) and Dave Charnley of Darlington at Harringway on April 9. Charnley was the winner on points.

Home Rugger Results

London, Apr. 15. Results of Rugby Union matches played today were as follows:
Bridgewater and Albion 10.
Bleddyn Williams XV 21.

Hullfax 3, Swansea 3.
Llanelli 27, Gareth Griffiths XV 9.
Pentryn 6, Macclesfield 18.
Redruth 3, Bristol 13.
Torquay 3, Bridgford 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Results of Rugby League matches played tonight were:
Barrow 11, St Helen's 8.
Bradford Northern 7, Huddersfield 26.
Hunslet 20, Doncaster 0.
Hullam 38, Swinton 13.
Wigan 26, Leigh 8.
Inter Club Championships:
Hullfax 33, Carcassonne (France) 10.
Hull 19, Albi (France) 19.—Reuter.

Old-Time Star Baseballer Dies

Palestine, Texas, Apr. 15. Jack Coombs, brilliant right-hander on some of Connie Mack's great Philadelphia Athletics teams, who reached his peak when he won three games in the 1910 World Series, died today at 74.

A native of Le Grande, Iowa, Coombs had a lifetime record of 189 victories and 122 losses in the Major Leagues. He began in 1900 with the Philadelphia Athletics and ended in 1920 with the Detroit Tigers. Coombs also was non-playing manager of the Philadelphia Phillies in 1919.

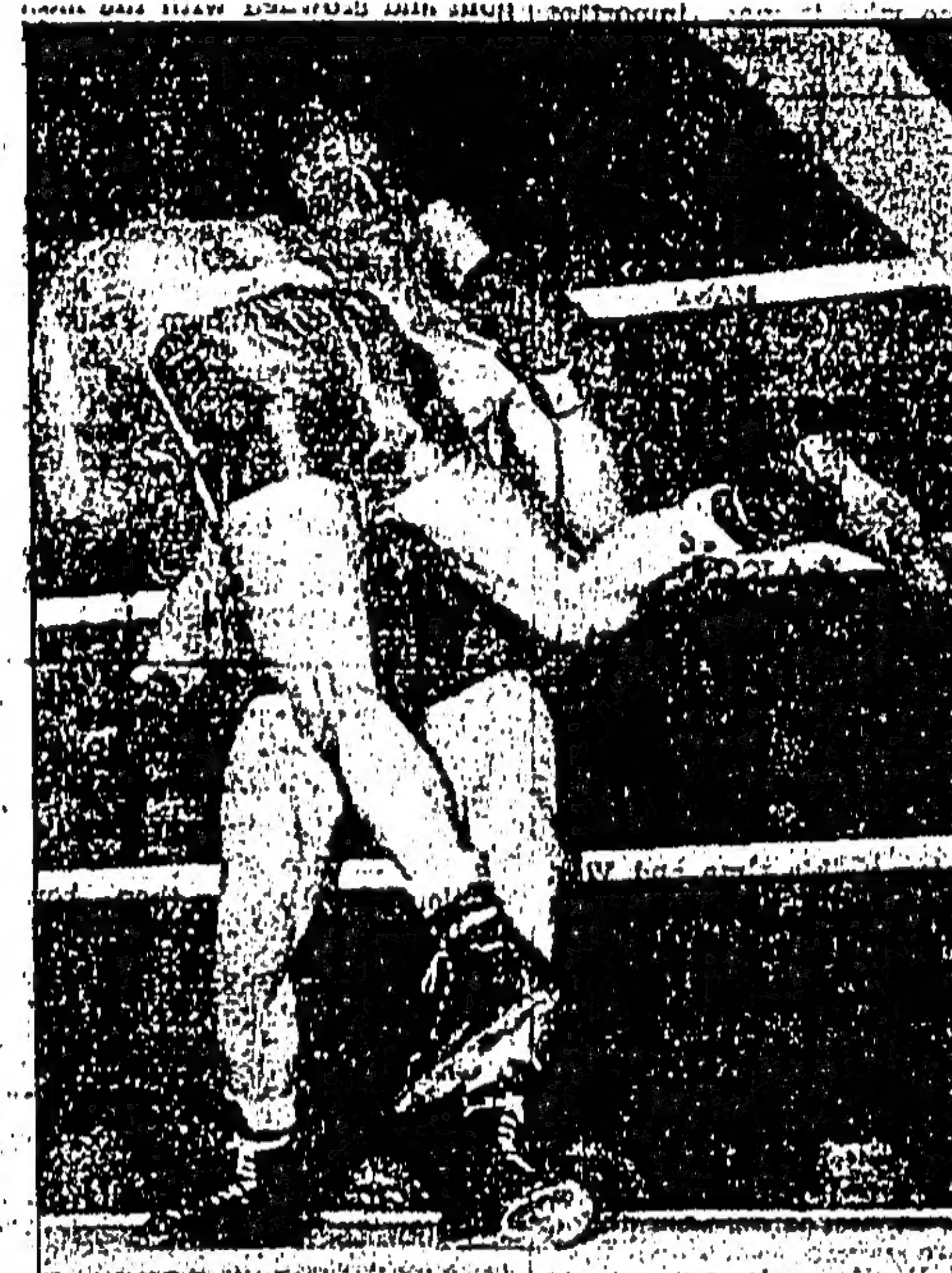
Coombs, a key member of an athletic staff that included Chief Bender and Eddie Plank, had his best season in 1910 when he won 31 games and lost nine.

He beat the Chicago Cubs three times in the World Series that season and went on to the following year to post a 28-13 record, and score another World Series win over Christy Mathewson and the New York Giants.—United Press.

U.S. Table Tennis Championships

South Bend, Apr. 15. America's No. 2 table tennis player, Bernard Bultek, won the United States 1957 men's singles title here when he defeated Edwin Tolan, the favorite, 21-17, 17-21, 21-11 and 21-17.

Mrs. Leah Neuberger retained her women's singles title by defeating Mildred Shalman 21-10, 21-17, and 21-17.—France-Press.



From the same fight. Again it looks more like wrestling. Here Lucy, facing camera, resists a flying assault from Charnley in Round 5.—Central Press Photos.

The Scottish League Standard Has Dropped Since The War

Says ARCHIE QUICK

The standard of Scottish League football has dropped since the war and has never reached pre-war levels. That is the opinion of officials of "average" First Division clubs like Glasgow's Celtic and Partick Thistle.

Mr Tommy Reid, Thistle director and Hon. Treasurer of the Scottish Football Association, holds the view that the play of the "big" clubs—Rangers, Celtic, Hearts, Hibs, Aberdeen etc.—has fallen considerably in the last three seasons and even at that time three years ago it was never as good as in 1939 and before.

"The play of our recent international sides is a yardstick," he says. "The skill is lower and there is an absence of big personalities. I am afraid that our leading players who are part-timers are distracted by lucrative incomes from other sources. They do not seem to realise that it is football that has made possible those other sources being opened up to them."

Celtic official Mr John Allison said some of the players getting "caps" today would not have been considered in 1939. "But that does not apply to Scotland only," he added. "It goes for the other Home countries, too."

American AAU 'Interested' In Soviet Invitation

New York, Apr. 15. Mr. Dan Ferris, Secretary of the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union, said today that the AAU was "interested" in a Soviet invitation for American athletes to compete in Moscow in July.

Mr Ferris told Reuter that a cable invitation had been received from Soviet officials and he was now awaiting a letter giving full details of the invitation.

He said that the membership of the AAU's Foreign Relations Committee would be asked to vote on whether to accept the invitation.

The next meeting of the Committee is not being held until June, Mr Ferris added, and the vote would therefore have to be taken by mail.

SOME DIVISION

Mr Ferris declared: "There's some division of feeling in the matter, but that will all come out."

He said that the Americans who would go to Moscow, if the invitation were accepted, would be chosen from the winners of the AAU Championships in Dayton, Ohio, starting on June 21.

Mr Ferris said that the question of whether to issue a return invitation for a Soviet team to visit the U.S. also would be discussed by AAU members.

The Russian invitation had been extended for three days, beginning on July 12, Mr Ferris added.—Reuter.

Three Polo Teams To Visit England This Season

London, Apr. 15. India is among the three foreign countries to send powerful polo teams to England for the forthcoming season, it was announced here today.

Argentina and Jamaica are the other two countries.

Award of the strong overseas competition, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, who will be playing with the English team, has started training on the lawns of Windsor Castle.—France-Press.

WEIGHTLIFTING RECORD

Moscow, Apr. 15. Soviet weightlifting champion Ravil Khubutdinov broke his own world lightweight record for a two-hand press with 125 kilograms. It was announced here today.

His previous record was 123 kilograms.—France-Press.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Wini Smith Surprises In Dallas Open

Dallas, Apr. 15. Wini Smith surprised a host set of golf clubs into the first tournament title of her brief four-month professional career today when she outstepped the veterans to win the \$7,500 Dallas Women's Open golf tournament with a 285. The 28-year-old Chicagoan, who won the British and French amateur crowns before turning professional last winter, picked up the \$1,318 first prize with an unspectacular 30-37-75 on the final round after pulling into a tie at the 34th hole with Marjorie Bauer Hodge and a three under par 210.

PATTY BERG SECOND Miss Smith's score gave her a three-stroke spread over veteran Patty Berg of St. Louis, Illinois, whose 70-73 over the final 36 holes today put her at 288 and added \$920 to her season's winnings.

Mrs Hodge, whose name had been the most consistent throughout the three preceding tournaments, was the first runner-up of this one, but her putting touch and her wood game collapse in this afternoon's final round as she scored to an eight over par 289, worth \$760 for third place. Zola, of Watford, Wisconsin, was Mary Lee Paul of Thomaston, Georgia, 1163 for fourth place and won \$598 each. Betty Jameson of San Antonio picked up the \$474 sixth place money with a 294.—United Press.

Home Soccer Results

Results of Football League matches played tonight were:

PREMIER DIVISION
Birmingham 2, Aston Villa 1
Wolves 2, West Brom. 1
DIVISION II
Nottingham 3, West Ham 0
Southend 3, N.E. Rangers 0
DIVISION III
Hull 0, Gateshead 1
Mansfield 2, Wyke Rinch 2
Tranmere 0, Bradford City 0
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division I
Rathfriland 4, Kilmarnock 2
Division II
Arbroath 1, Dundee 3
Th. Lanark 2, Dundee U.S. 3.—Reuter.

Nominate YOUR

Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
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REAL MADRID WIVES SHARE THEIR MEN WITH THEIR CLUB

By ARTHUR WALMSLEY

If you were the wife of a Real Madrid footballer you would live a life of comparative luxury—but in return you would have to be prepared to share your man very much with his club.

For, apart from losing him for weeks at a time on "close-season" tours of foreign countries, you would have to accept his absence from home for three days every week—even when the team was playing a normal League game in Madrid.

After training on Friday mornings the Real Madrid players are whisked away to a luxury hotel in Madrid—where wives are taboo—or to the exclusive mountain resort of El Escorial, 10,000 feet up and 30 miles from Madrid. There the team remains until the game late on Sunday afternoon.

It was in the plush Hotel Felipe II at El Escorial that I talked to Don Jose Villalonga, manager of the Real Madrid team and a captain in the Spanish Army.

Villalonga, a full six-foot of good-looking masculinity, has been Real Madrid manager for five years—and is still only 30. When he was first appointed he was younger than several of his players.

The job of managing this fabulous team is a highly responsible one. Villalonga's broad shoulders that I just had to ask him—

"More than 300 English League managers have been sacked since the war. Is the manager's job in Spain equally as uncertain and precarious?"

Villalonga: Well, the manager alone picks the team and if he is not successful he will soon lose his job. But I have been lucky—we have had five years since I became manager. I hope the luck will continue.

(What the modest Villalonga didn't tell me was that five years was something of a record for a manager in Spanish football.)

Walsley: Does the thought of losing your job worry you—and if you did lose it would you look for another job in football?

Villalonga: I do not worry. If I have to leave Real Madrid I will probably finish with football. I will just concentrate on being a captain in the Spanish Army.

Walsley: Have you any special plan to beat Manchester United?

Villalonga: Yes, we have a plan—it is a simple one. We just try to score more goals than Manchester United. But from what we read in your papers we are beaten already. You are calling Manchester United the team of the century and say they are going to win.

Who are the present Champions of Europe, we wonder—Manchester United or Real Madrid? I don't know. I have already decided that no team can beat this wonderful Manchester United. But we do not worry too much. We remember the story of the famous Spanish bullfighter, Espartaco.

He was the greatest bullfighter of his time. One day Espartaco faces a new young bull which should be easy for him. But the young bull kills Espartaco—it had never seen him before. You understand?

Walsley: Yes, but I think you are being a little unfair. In England we regard Real Madrid as a tremendous test for Manchester United, and I'm sure Matt Busby and the team will be satisfied if they can keep the score down in Madrid so that they will not start the return game too far behind. How many goals would you like to have in hand after the first game to feel safe for the return game in Manchester?

Villalonga: I do not understand this business of why it is considered necessary to get a big goal-lead at home. When teams are as good as Real Madrid and Manchester United, ground advantage should not count for

anything. But, tell me who do you think will win?

Walsley: I will answer that one better when I have seen your team play. "DECLARED"

I did not see manager Villalonga again, so I will answer his question here. Without false pride or prejudice I say that had Manchester United been playing Real Madrid the European Champions against Valencia, Matt Busby's boys would have declared before half-time.

I will go further and say that any British crowd would have "slow-handcuffed" the Real Madrid-Valencia match before half-time, and would certainly have walked out on it long before the finish.

I had paid the equivalent of 24 shillings for my seat, and I felt robbed. Yet, apart from a few derisive whistles, the 100,000 crowd watched, with amazing patience and tolerance, a display which was almost devoid of skill and method.

Perhaps it was enough for the fans that Real Madrid had won, yet I couldn't help feeling that if this form was so very much below what they normally saw from their favourites surely they would have shown their dissatisfaction in a more positive fashion.

On the strength of that one match I would be foolish to denounce Real Madrid as a grossly over-publicised team—but I do feel justified in giving Manchester United an unusual warning.

Traditional sporting advice is: "Never underestimate the opposition." To Manchester United I say: "Do not overrate Real Madrid. Do not be overawed by big money transfer players and regard them as miracle men."

"Real Madrid may be capable of great football—that I do not know. That they can perform pathetically I have seen for myself. Regard Real Madrid with the same respect you would any competent English First Division side—but no more. I sincerely believe you are a better all-round side and because of that I believe you will win."

PERFECT ILLUSTRATION Looking back, I regard the tolerance of that 100,000 crowd at the Real Madrid match as the perfect illustration of the Spaniards' ever-growing appetite for football which is pushing the traditional bullfight in the background.

The bulls and the matadors are still very much alive and kicking, but because of the cost of staging and the limited crowd capacity—the biggest stadium in Spain (i.e. bullfighting stadium) holds only 20,000—bullfighting is an expensive spectators' sport with a price range of five shillings to £4, and is losing the race to soccer.

There is still big money in it, however, for the matador. Top bullfighter Lili can earn anything up to £5,000 for an afternoon's work and is reckoned to have grossed £250,000 in the last four years—and Lili is still only 24.

But stories of the shaving of bull's horns to make them less dangerous, and of matadors paying big "grease" money to press agents for flattering write-ups, are making the Spaniards less of their favourite blood-sport.

Helping to tip the scales in soccer's favour in this fight for

the fans are the football pools which are now sweeping Spain. They are state supervised, their lotteries, and all profits are distributed to charity.

Corporations are obtained in almost any bar or restaurant. Cost per forecast-line is three pesetas. There is just a straight forecast of 14 results, with £17,000 rated a really big money-prize.

ONE BETTER It was pointed out to me in Madrid that while Britons are getting worked up over Manchester United's chances of pulling off the triple crown—the Football Association Cup, the European Cup, and the League Championship—it is possible for Real Madrid to go one better by winning the Spanish Cup, the European Cup, the Latin Cup (conferred to clubs from France, Spain, Italy and Portugal) and their own League Championship.

But I remembered that the Real Madrid pre-match mountain hideout of El Escorial takes its name from the palace of that name which was built there in the 16th century and which houses the remains of all the kings of Spain since that time.

It could be that after the meeting with Manchester United the El Escorial mausoleum would make a fitting resting place for the dead European Cup hopes of Real Madrid.

For "Real" means "Royal" in Spanish, and win or lose against Manchester United, Real Madrid will still be, in every sense, a very royal club. It has set an example which others in the football world would do well to follow.

Fuller's Style Puzzles "Sugar Ray"

Greenwood Lake, Apr. 15. "Sugar Ray" Robinson, former world middleweight boxing champion, is worried more about getting his title back than the money it could bring when he meets World Champion Gene Fullmer for their return bout in Chicago on May 1.

The "black wizard of boxing," who lost his title on a points defeat by "Cyclone" Fullmer, said at his training camp here today that he was square with the tax collector and he was in a healthy financial condition.

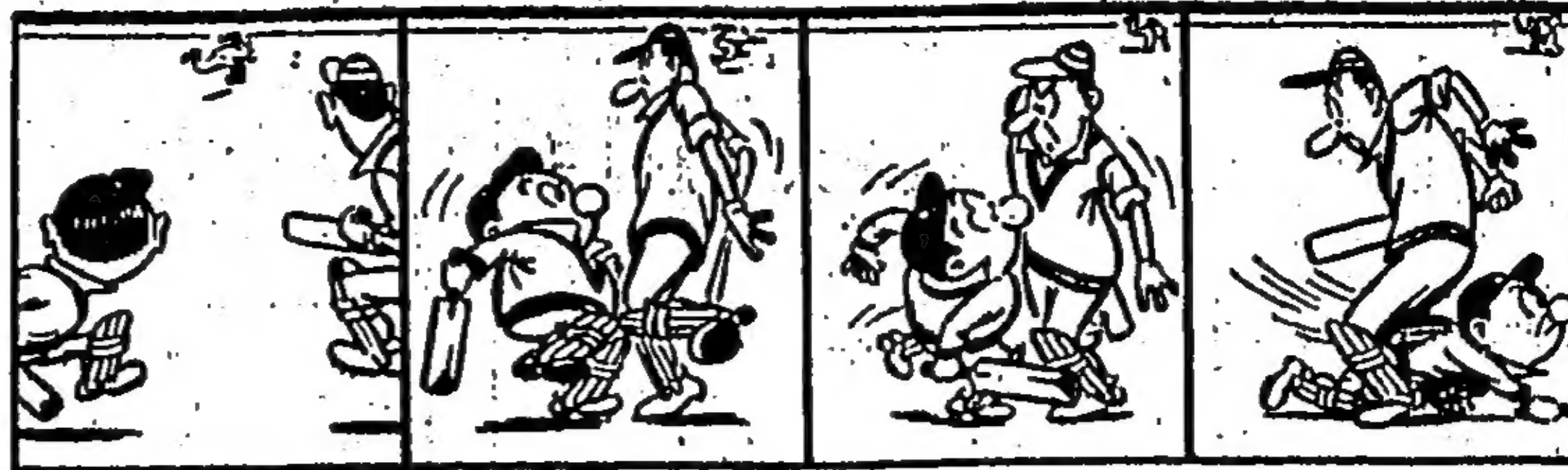
MAIN AIM Going through the most serious training of his career, 30-year-old Robinson, who will be 37 two days after his fight, said his main aim was to take the middleweight crown from Fullmer and then meet Carmen Basilio at an open air meeting in New York this summer.

Unable to digest his defeat at the hands of Fullmer, the challenger said he had studied the film of his fight several times but could not understand the things Fullmer had done or not done.

He summed up Fullmer as a good and powerful boxer with a queer style.—France-Press.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



The MCC, alarmed at the low rate of scoring in first class cricket, is experimenting with new rules in an effort to speed up the game.

THIS ARTICLE IS ABOUT THE SLOWEST SCORERS IN CRICKET

By HARVEY DAY

On the last day of the MCC game against Kimberley, R. Evans, whose overnight score was 99, very naturally desired to score a century. But his methods did not meet with the approval of the spectators for he received 104 balls without scoring, and it was fifty minutes before he gained the coveted century.

One can excuse Evans, for not every batsman has the chance to make a century against an English touring team, but generally speaking the rate of scoring has so declined that the controllers of the game are worried and are experimenting with means to pep it up.

Good cricket—cricket that is interesting to watch—does not demand that every ball shall be scored off, or even that the score shall be pushed along every over. More slogging would be just as boring as interminable stonewalling.

Cricket is an art. It flourishes on contrast; sunshine and shadow; slow bowling as an antidote to fast; stodgy play at one moment and strokes that glaze the next; just when one is growing a trifle restive, a purple patch or two.

CAN BE INTERESTING In the past there have been some consistently slow scorers, but they have been accepted as part of the game because others in the side have made runs at a brisk pace. And there have been occasions when even rapid scorers were reduced to a snail's pace, and at such times cricket can be breathlessly exciting.

When good batting is countered by superb bowling or when an apparently beaten team is struggling to play out time, everyone who understands the game is interested and excited, no matter how slow the scoring.

Godfrey Evans, the England wicketkeeper, is a man who tries to score fast and often sacrifices his wicket in doing so. Against India at Lord's he missed his hundred before lunch by two runs.

But Evans will admit that the most exciting innings he has played and easily the most valuable was that during the Fourth Test at Adelaide in 1946-7 when he joined Compton and batted for 97 minutes without breaking his duck, in an effort to avert defeat.

Those who were present said it was the most thrilling piece of cricket provided by either team during the tour, and a number of women were so worked up that they fainted. No greater tribute can be paid to the batsman than to say that the bar was empty!

MONUMENTAL PATIENCE Almost as exciting—certainly equally exasperating to the bowlers—was the only run scored by the Australian vice-captain, in the Fourth Test at Manchester in 1921, on a sticky wicket.

It was not only an exhibition of monumental patience, but of a very high order, for the ball was turning and flying and he was facing Cecil Parkin and Charlie Parker, who could make the ball talk on such a surface, as well as Woolley, Douglas and the crafty Fender.

One mistake would have meant his dismissal and the collapse of the side, which even with his contribution could make only 175.

Only a batsman of his skill and experience could have known which balls to leave and which to play, and when he came off the field his thighs and torso were black and blue from balls that had hit him.

Collins played many bigger innings throughout his long career, but none of greater value.

Ernest Smith, the Yorkshire fast bowler and fitter, once remained at the wicket for an hour without scoring in an effort to save his side and on another occasion Miles Howard of Surrey, a forcing bat, failed to break his duck during a 40-minute stay.

He flashed out, every stroke in the book but could not pierce the field. Each time the ball went straight to a man, and when Howard returned to the pavilion he was sweating—but without a run to his name.

Some batsmen, however, make one groan as they emerge from the pavilion, so stodgy are their methods.

REAL STONEMAN

The first real stonewaller of whom there is any record was M. Earle, who in 1846 made 11 runs in four hours, a considerable feat, for to remain at the wicket for four hours in the days when pitches were as rough as corrugated iron took some doing. In 1885 a gentle man named Wilshe also stayed in for four hours, though he scored twenty.

And towards the end of the nineteenth century there emerged four stonewallers the like of whom we have not seen: Louis Hall, W. Scotton, A.C. Bannerman, the Australian, and R.G. Barlow, who throughout their careers averaged 17,16,16 and 14 runs an hour respectively.

J.W.H.T. Douglas of Essex, reputedly a slow scorer, was like a Derby winner compared with the rest of the crowd. He pushed his score along at an average of 22 runs an hour.

The best of the reputed stonewallers to which was Bannerman, who though a pain-in-the-neck to bowlers, was a stroke player. Louis Hall's main strokes were edges and nicks, except by accident, touched anything outside the off-stump.

Bannerman played for Australia, and as Australian batsmen are usually intent on pushing the score along, he gave the illusion of being normally human.

THE MOST GROANS Louis Hall produced the most groans from the crowd. He was a gaunt fellow with high cheek bones, and a bushy handle bar moustache which weighed him down so that he looked like an undertaker attending a funeral on a wet day.

There is no doubt that he was a stonewaller. He always went in first and altogether carried his bat thirteen times for Yorkshire, made several centuries, and during the greater part of his career scored at only 10-11 runs an hour.

Early in his career, before the blight descended on him, he was a comparatively brisk scorer—one reason why his all-time rate is so much higher. But he produced more slow clapping from crowds than any man, and it is probable that Louis Hall was the originator of funeral play in Yorkshire v. Lancashire matches.

W.H. Scotton of Nottingham was another visitation almost as bad as Pharoah's plagues. One of his most sparkling efforts was 123 runs in 8½ hours. It was quite common for him to bat for an hour without scoring, and he broke the heart of many a bowler.

The usefulness of such a man must be apparent. In 1880 against the Australians at the Oval he and W. G. Grace, going in first, put on 170 runs in 8½ hours, of which his share was 34, and at one time his total remained stationary for 67 minutes! There was no question about his nuisance value.

During his career he made several centuries, and two double centuries; what is more, he was a left-hander. The curious thing about Scotton is that when he joined Nottingham he was a fast scorer and a recognised hitter. Only later, when representative honours were dangled before his eyes, did he degenerate into a stonewaller.

WILSON TOO SERIOUSLY Scotton took his cricket much too seriously, and when through loss of form he lost his place

in the Nottingham side, committed suicide.

But the king of them all was Richard Gordon Barlow, of Lancashire, who in 1882 went in first against Nottingham and after 2½ hours carried his bat with only five runs to his credit.

He always went in first with Hornby and would score ten while Hornby got a hundred. Once for 80 minutes he resisted all efforts to make him score. Francis Thompson spoke truly when he wrote:

"As the run stealers flicker to and fro, to and fro, and my Hornby and my Barlow long ago."

Stealing runs is precisely what Barlow did. He abstracted one when no one was looking; he waited till the crowd fell asleep before he flicked another. And so on.

Barlow was stationmaster of a very tiny, remote village before he took to professional cricket. Only one or two trains stopped there each day; so Barlow and his assistant cut a wicket in the field behind the station and played cricket all day.

The Lancashire secretary often travelled on the line and whenever he looked out, Barlow was batting. So one day he travelled to the station—and Barlow was, as usual, at the wicket. "D'you always bat?" asked the Secretary.

"No," said Barlow, "we take it in turns."

"When last did he bat?" asked the Secretary.

"Three weeks ago," answered Barlow.

"Then we'd better give you a trial for Lancashire." And that's how Barlow played for the county.

SINGLE SNATCHERS Both he and Hornby were very fast on their feet. Hornby was a rugged international and Barlow a successful sprinter and together they snatched many a single—otherwise Barlow's rate of scoring might have been much slower.

To say he was a difficult man to dislodge would be an understatement. He carried his bat twelve times through completed Lancashire innings and is the only man to have opened England's batting and bowling in the same innings. He was a very accurate, medium-paced bowler, with a break from the off.

Barlow had one real stroke—a forward stroke—not a prod. He put his weight behind it and the ball travelled fast, but unfortunately his opponents knew his limitations and blocked the stroke. Even so, he was an extremely useful man to have for he probably broke more bowlers' hearts than anyone else.

But the discredit of playing the slowest innings in the history of first class cricket cannot be claimed by any one of this quartet.

It belongs to a gentleman of Job-like patience, named Yarde, who in 1833-34, played for Central India against the MCC at Indore. Almost as soon as he reached the wicket he threw a declaration to the winds, and flashed his bat and scored two. Then he gave two chances. This so terrified him that he shuffled along for two hours to score ten.

After 200 minutes he crawled to 21, and in the next 100 minutes added another paltry taking two. Altogether he stayed at the wicket for 324 minutes to gather 24 runs.

Perhaps it is as well that he was dismissed before he got his eye in.

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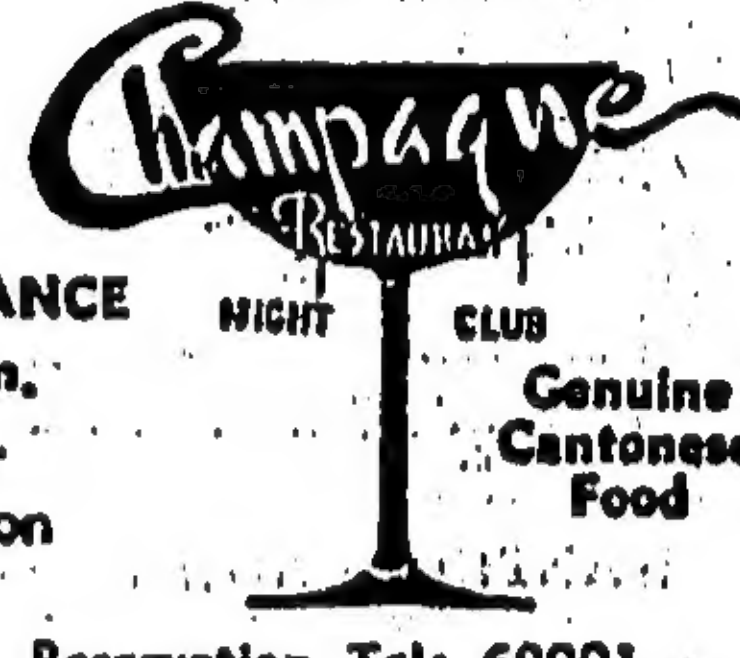


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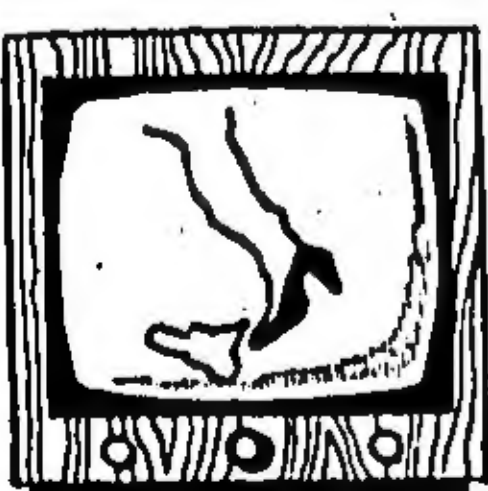
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SEE-SAW OF JORDAN POLITICS

Country's Future Depends On The Situation In Syria And Egypt

By RUSSELL THOMAS

Beirut, Apr. 15.

The decision of Jordan to exchange ambassadors with the Soviet Union, followed a few days later by the resignation of Suleiman Nabulsi's government, highlights the see-saw drama of politics now being played in Jordan.

That Dr Hussein Fakhri Khalidi has been asked to form a new government suggests the King's anti-Communist policy will be pursued. Suleiman Nabulsi nearly resigned when the question of recognising the Soviet Union first met a cool reception from King Hussein. Near crisis reigned in Amman for some days but at the crucial point General Ali Abu Nawar, Commander of the Jordan Arab Army and architect of the coup d'Etat which dismissed Glubb Pasha, intervened. After a meeting with the King and a two-hour emergency session of the Leftist Jordan Cabinet, Nabulsi emerged smiling to say: "All is well." The decision to recognise Russia was announced.

Now, once again, it seems that something has gone wrong. What apparently happened during the first of these crises was that the King had resisted the decision for some days but was persuaded, in the interests of internal stability, it was better to yield to the government. He did so, but on condition that recognition of Russia would not exclude the acceptance of Western aid. Nabulsi told the Egyptian news agency, M.E.N., that Jordan would take aid from either East or West. But he added, significantly—and the King is hardly likely to welcome this addition—that Jordan would not be unfriendly to Russia for the sake of Western policy.

Nation's Policy

In its simplest form, Jordan policy comes down to this. The King is a nationalist with strong reservations about Egyptian policy and the trustworthiness of Russian intentions in the Middle East. But his government supports to the hilt the policy of President Nasser. They came together in their desire to emancipate themselves from the ties of the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty and the King went with the government in accepting the promise of a £12,500,000 subsidy from Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria to replace the financial aid formerly given by Britain.

This question of aid must be seen against the background of Jordan's geography. It is almost entirely desert with limited dry farming on sparsely watered slopes of the hills. Nearly half its population are refugees from Palestine, crowd-

ing on the fringes of the towns and packed in camps on the West bank of the Jordan. The old country of Trans-Jordan, with its Bedouin tradition, is separated physically by the deep sub-sea rift of the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea and almost completely by the difference of mentality in the thinking of its people, from the refugees and the assimilated townsmen brought up under the British Mandate in Palestine.

But East bank and West bank alike have lived continuously on charity, for the country has little natural wealth either in minerals or agricultural produce. It has an adverse balance of trade of nearly ten to one. It was artificially created after the last World War to provide a throne for the great old Hashemite King Abdullah and has been kept until this very month by funds remitted from Britain.

At the outset King Hussein wanted subventions from Iraq as well as Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia to replace the British subsidy. But owing to the sharp division in Arab politics between Egypt and Iraq this proved impossible. Reluctantly, and under pressure from his own nationalists, and above all in deference to the politicians of the West bank who are now a dominant influence, he agreed to take the money from the anti-Iraq faction.

Refugee Camps

But he has reservations about the ability of Syria and Egypt to pay the £7,500,000 which constitutes their share of the subsidy. For that reason he has kept the door open to aid from the USA and to the British development subsidies which fall outside the old treaty. He stimulated an anti-Communist campaign and over the heads of his government, took administrative action through the Ministry of Interior to stop the distribution of Tass bulletins and Communist literature in Jordan. More recently he sent the chief of the Royal Cabinet to Syria to advise the Syrian President to curb the pro-Communist activities of his government.

His policy has been greatly resented by his own Cabinet Ministers, and the demand for the recognition of Soviet Russia was in a sense a challenge to the King and a trial of strength. That temporary victory was short-lived but the tension remains, now more acute than ever.

Left And Right

In this situation, it is a curious fact that the Saudi Arabian King, after a life-time of opposition to the Hashemite Royal Family of Jordan, is rapidly becoming a balancing factor. Although Saudi is committed to the Egyptian-Syrian axis, he has joined with Camille Shamoun, the anti-Communist President of Lebanon and supporter of the Eisenhower Doctrine, in a statement against international communism. King Saud himself has refused Soviet arms and Soviet aid; he has cut foot in the Egyptian camp and one foot firmly in the Western camp from which he derives his oil revenue.

There is little doubt that when King Hussein sent the chief of the Royal Cabinet to Syria he

was doing it with the knowledge of King Saud, who had also sent an envoy to Damascus to warn President Kuwattly that Arab nationalism was neutral and not, as the Syrian Government was tending to make it, in alliance with Russia.

All reports from Syria indicate that a struggle for power between the right and the left is in full swing. The struggle is now on in Jordan.

Jordan's future may in the end be decided by the situation in Syria and Egypt. If Egyptian policy brings its own economy to such a low ebb that it cannot continue to support Jordan financially, the effects will be disastrous for large numbers of ordinary Jordanian people whose only desire is to have enough to eat and to be left in peace. The Arab world is watching closely the results of the pledge of aid to Jordan.

Similarly, if the Right Wing triumphs over the Left in Syria, it will greatly strengthen the King of Jordan in dealing with the Leftists in his country. That testing time is close at hand.—NFS.

Thorneycroft With The Budget



Taken outside 11 Downing Street last Tuesday, this picture shows the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Peter Thorneycroft, accompanied by his wife leaving for the House of Commons to present his Budget.—Reuterphoto.

Frau Krupp Files Hotel Fraud Suit

Los Angeles, Apr. 15.

The former wife of the German munitions czar, Alfred Krupp, today filed a million-dollar fraud suit in Superior Court over her investment in the New Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Frau Vera Krupp, 47, brought the action against 47 defendants involved in financing of both the old Las Vegas Hotel and its successor, the New Frontier. She charged that the hotel's promoters induced Louis

Mancho, on whom she relied for advice, to persuade her to invest in the New Frontier.

The suit contended that she advanced \$185,000 and that the defendants planned to have her invest \$250,000 more.

She contended that this was designed to place her in a position where she would have to take over the hotel with all its liabilities to protect her investment. As a result of this, the suit charged, she has been betrayed by the hotel's creditors and by the Federal Government for taxes.—United Press.

BELGRADE WORKERS' NIGHT CLUBS ARE IN THE RED

By JOHN EARLE

Belgrade, Apr. 15.

The few "night clubs" in the Yugoslav capital are running into financial difficulties and the workers' collectives who run them are discussing what to do about it.

The city of half a million inhabitants has limited night life to offer in the Western sense of the term.

Two bars, the Kristal and Lotos, present cabarets and stay open until three or four o'clock in the morning. A third bar, with dancing only, is operated in its basement, by one of the main hotels, the Mladost, and from the shape of the room is popularly known as the "snake pit."

Like all commercial firms and economic enterprises in Yugoslavia, Kristal and Lotos are run by the workers' collectives through their workers' councils, with the day to day executive management in the hands of a director who is appointed by the municipality.

Losses

During a nine-month period, Lotos found that its losses amounted to 620,000 dinars (£738) and Kristal to 2,700,000 dinars (£3,220).

These losses were registered despite the fact that the staff in both, in an effort to reduce costs, had accepted cuts on their earnings ranging from 20 per cent to 40 per cent. Prices were also, on the average, 10 per cent above last year's, while the margin of profit on a drink was 400 per cent.

One proposal under discussion is that fewer foreign artists should be engaged for the cabaret, because they require much higher payment than Yugoslavs.

While Lotos mainly relied on Yugoslavs, Kristal throughout 1956 engaged foreign artists for its twice nightly programmes, thinking that these would attract more customers. Most of the artists came from Italy, West Germany and Austria, with a few from Eastern European countries, like Czechoslovakia and Hungary. The Kristal management was criticised in the press because

during October and November, it engaged a Hungarian dance band for the by Yugoslav standards, huge monthly sum of 650,000 dinars (£774). The band, nevertheless, brought more customers, one of its attractions being that it introduced "rock 'n' roll" to Belgrade.

Merger

Another suggestion is that the three bars should merge under one management and stage only one cabaret show between them in rotation, while the others limit themselves to dancing. There are not enough Yugoslav artists to keep three cabarets going. Belgrade has no music hall or variety, though there has been talk of opening one in 1957.

To a foreigner, one of the reasons for poor business appears to be the small intake. Bars are full enough, especially on Saturday evenings and at the beginning of the month (Yugoslav wages are paid monthly), but many people at the whole evening over one very mouth or one alcoholic (plum brandy).

The price of a drink is not high by night club standards. But in Yugoslavia, where the average monthly salary is only 12,000 dinars (about £14.68), many customers would not come at all if prices were higher.

People in Belgrade seldom go out and spend money freely, except, perhaps, on January 15, New Year's Eve, under the old calendar still used by the Serbian Orthodox Church.

The Yugoslav Government, unlike the authorities in Poland, Hungary, or Czechoslovakia, recognises neither Christmas nor Church festivals. The mid-winter holiday here is officially celebrated on January 1 and 2 (by the "new" calendar)—China Mail Special.

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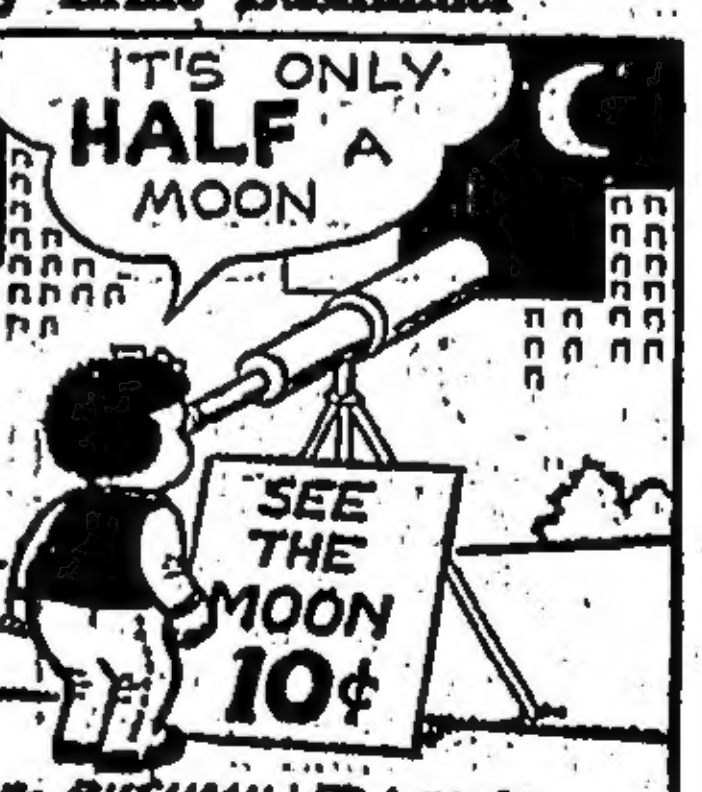
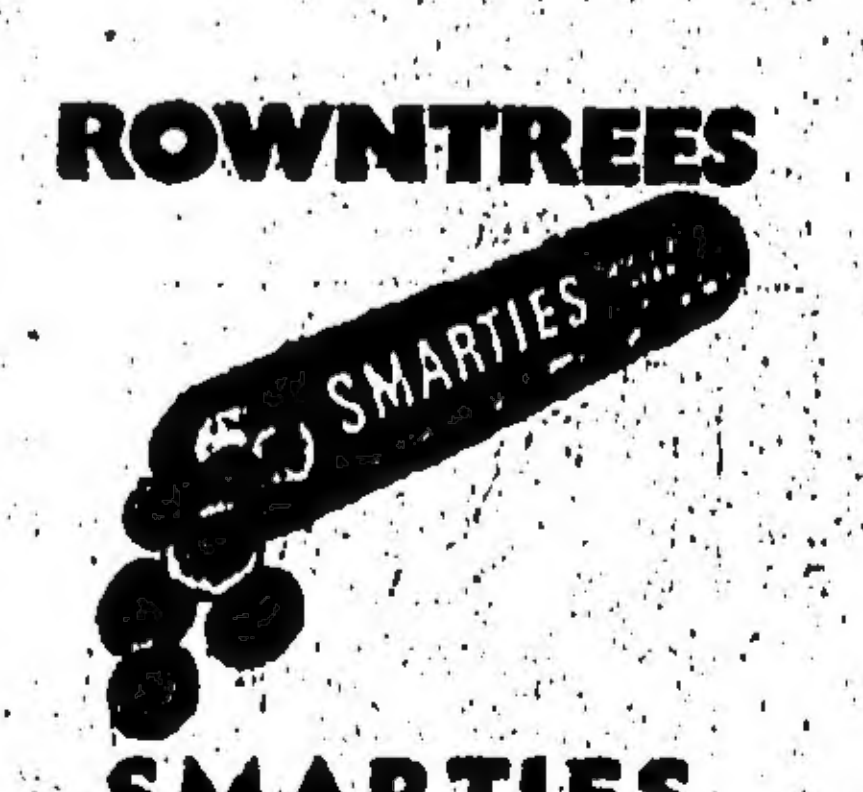
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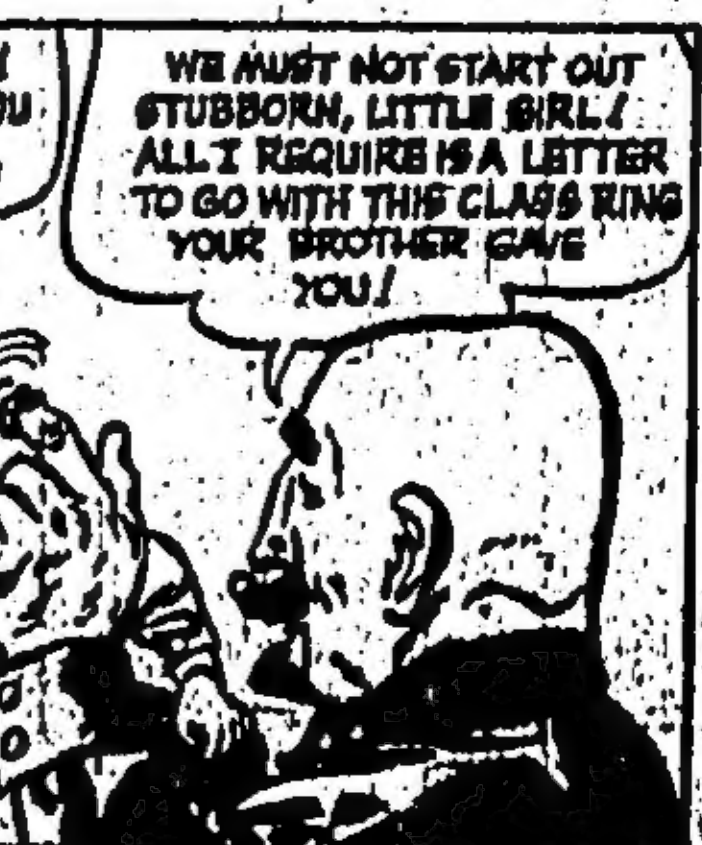

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